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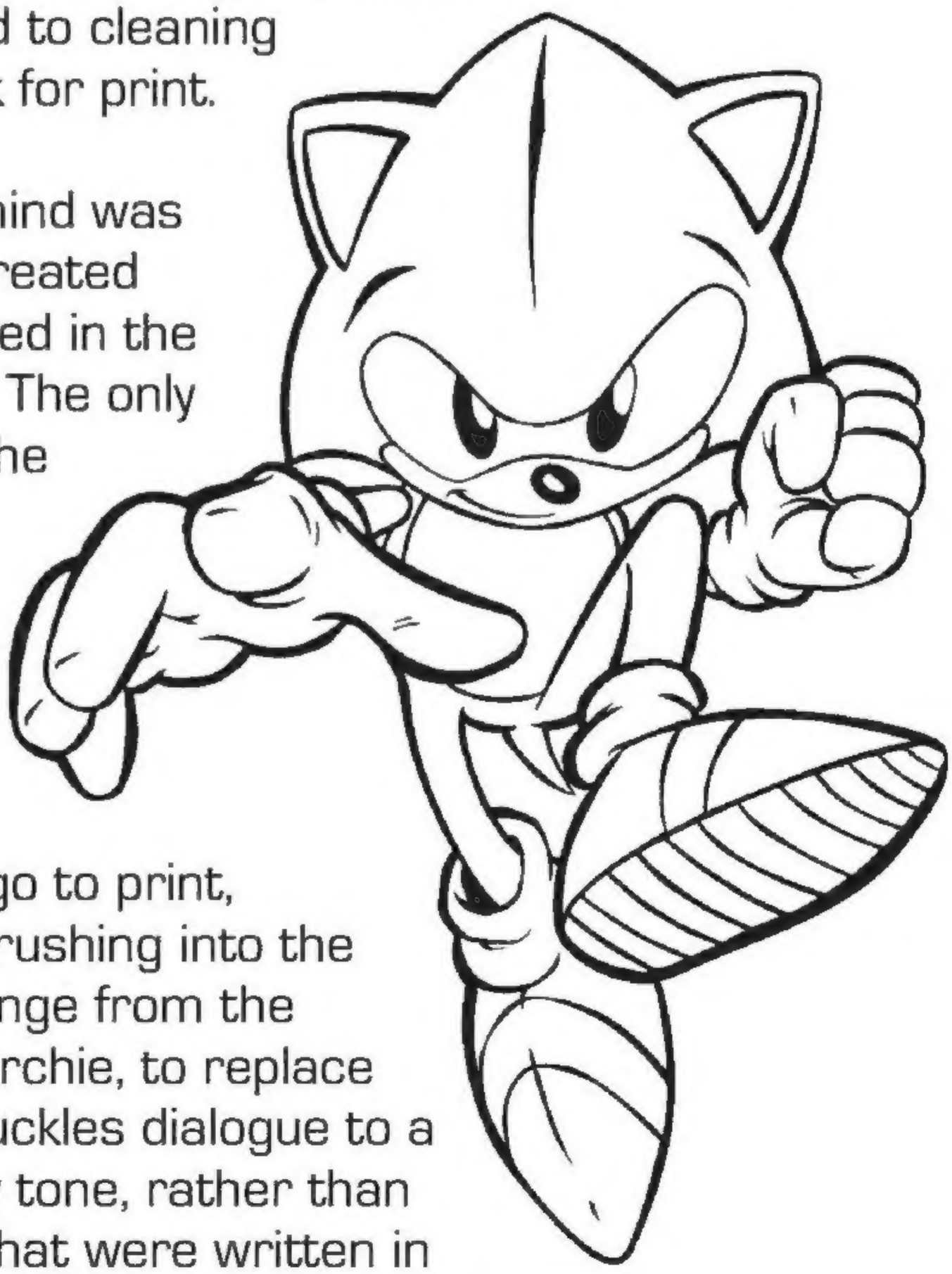
FOREWORD BY PATRICK SPAZIANTE

I'm a gamer from way back before that term was coined as a lifestyle, and the original Sonic games were the character - driven platformers that were among my favorite type of games. I was also a fan of both the Sonic SatAM cartoon series, as well as the weekday cartoons.

I started working on the Sonic the Hedgehog comics around issue #10 as a staff production artist, in the winter of 1993. As simple as this sounds, I got the job at Archie by answering an ad in the paper! The rest is history.

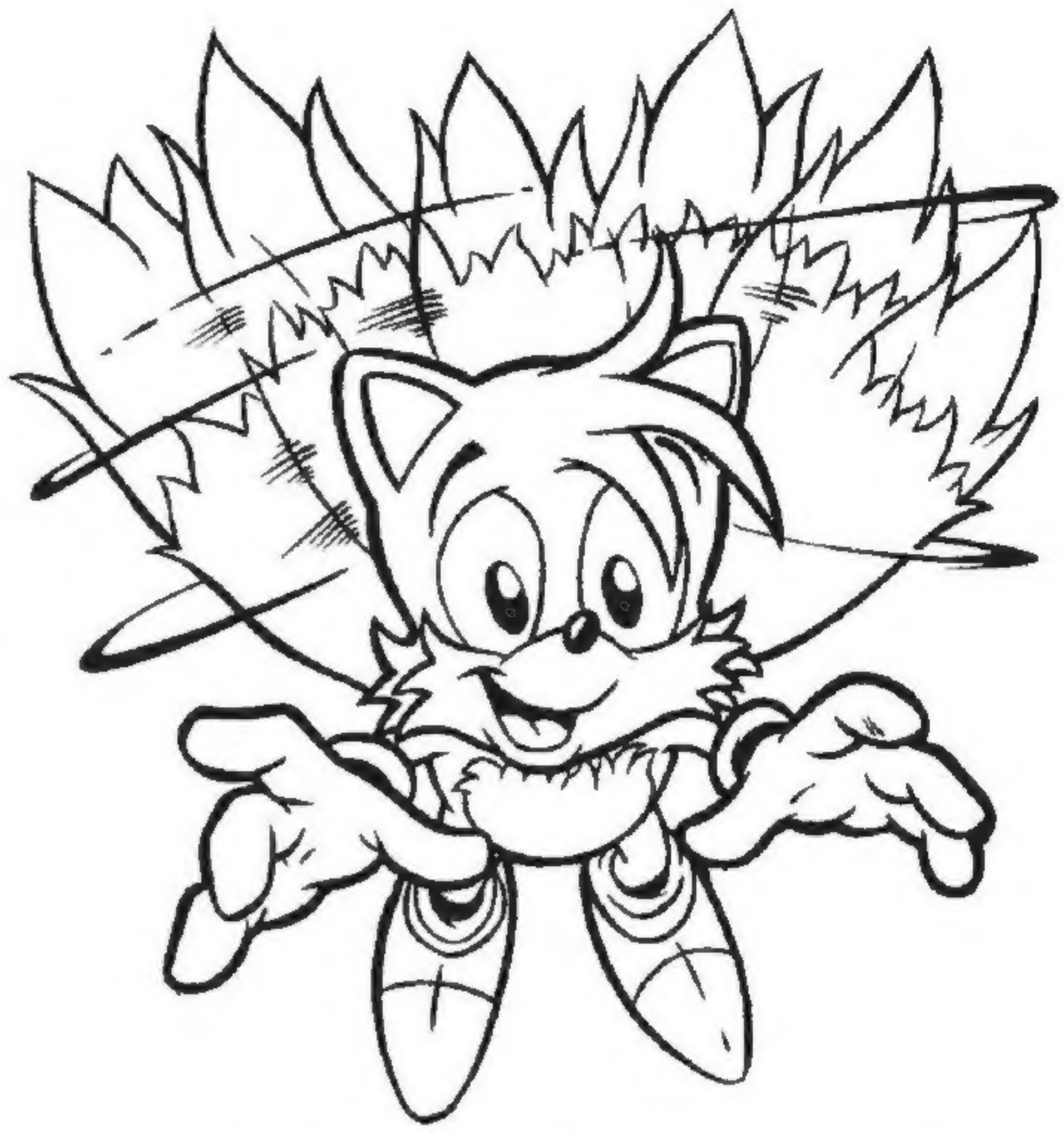
Sonic was a very different book back then. There was a much more slapstick cartoon feel for the character and a strict distinction between the video game character Sonic, and the weekly/Saturday morning cartoon version. The comic walked a thin line, and there were many times in the books' early history when changes/ complete reworks had to be implemented on the fly, usually at the eleventh hour. This was my primary responsibility in those early days. I was limited to cleaning pages and preparing the book for print.

One example that comes to mind was when Knuckles, a new Sega-created character, was to be introduced in the comic. We were all so jazzed! The only problem was we didn't know the back-story of the character, other than a few model sheet poses, and a two or three line description. Not a lot to go on!



The day the book was due to go to print, then-editor Scott Fulop came rushing into the bullpen with a last minute change from the powers that be at Sega and Archie, to replace any and all accent-specific Knuckles dialogue to a standard comic book wise guy tone, rather than the "Rasta" speech patterns that were written in the script! So with some extra OT, and a little help from

the twin pillars of production paste-up corrections, white tape and Rapidograph pens, the crisis was averted.



In order to be noticed for possibly freelance drawing Sonic, I had wound up practically filling an old corkboard that hung next to my desk in the art department with various sketches and Sonic character drawings, in the hopes that the Sonic editor at the time would spot one on his brief passes through the bullpen area.

After what seemed like years to me, actually it was probably in the range of four months or so, Scott had started to notice my blatant attempts at getting his attention, and generously gave me a shot on two interior pin-up pages that first appeared the Sonic "In Your Face" Special book. After that, my first proper interior gig, (Sonic #21), was actually a rush job, (three weeks working nights only), from start to finish, because the initial penciller had a conflict. I jumped at the chance, and have been involved with the Sonic books in some way shape or form ever since.

The Sonic comics would not be where they are today without the constant support of Sega and Archie, and with the fanbase that is ever-growing and extremely concerned with how these characters are presented and treated. They have been great. Couple this with the many, many people that have worked on, and continue to work on the book, without whom there wouldn't be a book to speak of to this day.

Finally, the Sonic Character himself has had the staying power of not just a video game icon, but also a true force in the comic book world. With so many new and varying works still being produced, I consider myself lucky to be a part of the continuing Sonic heritage and future!

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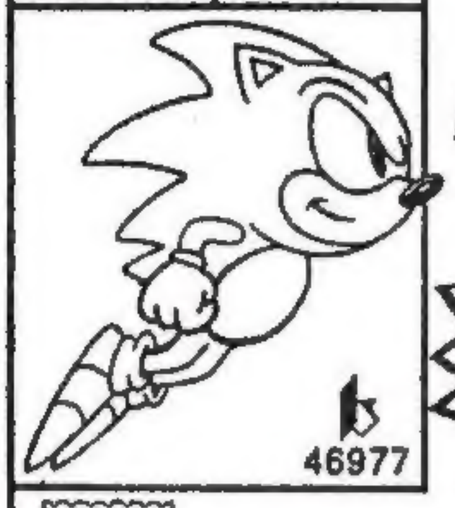

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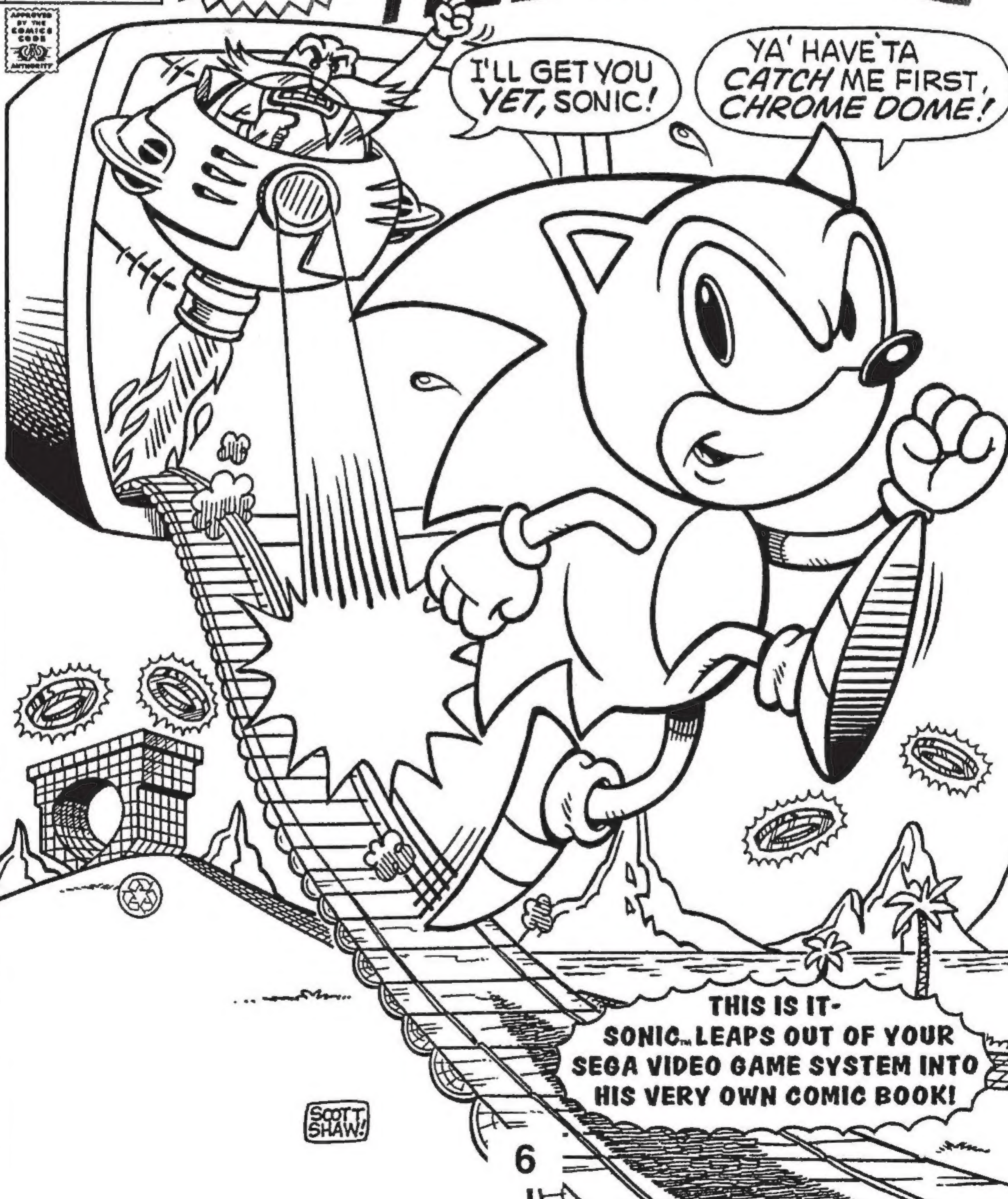

THE HEROES OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE

THE PLANET MOBIUS USED TO BE A BEAUTIFUL AND FUN PLACE TO LIVE... UNTIL THE EVIL DR. ROBOTNIK TOOK OVER, USING HIS POLLUTING ROBOTS. A BRAVE TEAM OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS STRUGGLE TO OVERTHROW THE DICTATOR... LED BY THE FASTEST AND WAY COOLEST DUDE ON TWO FEET...

THE VILLAINS FROM THE CITY OF ROBOTROPOLIS

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

in

DON'T CRY FOR ME, MOBIUS!

SONIC

TAILS

ROTOR

SALLY

ANTOINE

ROBOTNIK

BUZZBOMBER

CLUCK

CRABMEAT

CATERKILLER

THIS MEGA-MUCK WILL STOP YOU IN YOUR TRACKS, SONIC!

CRANQ!

SPLOT

YOU GOTTA HIT ME WITH IT FIRST, ROBOTNIK!

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WITH A TIP O' THE SNEAKER TO PAUL CASTIGLIA

AND SO I SHALL! I'VE GAUGED YOUR SPEED AND NOW... HEY! NO FAIR JUMPING!

CRANK!

B'WANG!

ALL'S FAIR IN LOVE AND WAR, DOC...

...AND THIS AIN'T LOVE!

PLOOT!

AAAARRGH!!

THEN AGAIN, MAYBE IT IS! I DO *LOVE* TO DRIVE HIM CRAZY!

WELL, THAT'S ENOUGH FOR TODAY... I'D BETTER HEAD BACK TO... *WHOA!* ROAD-BLOCK!

PLEASE! CALL ME CATERKILLER!

SCREECH!

HAW HAW! NOW YOU'RE TRAPPED, HEDGEHOG! YOU WILL TELL ME THE LOCATION OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE OR I WILL ENCASE YOU IN MEGA-MUCK FOREVER!

LET YOU CAPTURE MY FRIENDS AND TURN THEM INTO ROBOTS? *NO WAY*, TUBBY!

THEN PREPARE TO PERISH, SONIC!

I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT!

CRANK!

WELL, YOU'LL HAVE TO KEEP WAITING, 'CAUSE A SONIC SPIN IS GONNA KEEP THAT MEGA MUCK OFF ME!

GUH-SDOK!!

BOING

EGAD! IT SPLATTERED ALL OVER MY CATERKILLER!

AIN'T THAT JUST TOO BAD...

YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS, YOU... YOU... YOU...

YOUR NEEDLE'S STUCK, CHUBBY...

I'D LOVE TO STICK AROUND, BUT I'VE GOTTA JUICE!

VROOM!

AARRRGH!

I'LL GET THAT HEDGEHOG IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO...

CATCH YA LATER, METAL MOUTH!

THIS IS THE WAY TO THE VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE...WHERE ALL OF US FREEDOM FIGHTERS HIDE OUT FROM ROBOTNIK AND HIS CREEPY ROBOTS!

HE HASN'T FOUND US YET... AND I KNOW YOU WON'T TELL!

ALL YOU GOTTA DO TO OPEN THE SECRET ENTRANCE IS PULL THIS VINE...

BUT I LIKE TO MAKE LIKE TARZAN, MAN...

SWOOP!!

ZING!

AND JUMP INTO THE STUMP!

HERE WE GO! HOLD ONTO YOUR SPATS!

WHEEE!

WAY PAST COOL! THIS IS MY FAVORITE PART!

ALMOST THERE...

TIME TO HIT THE HAY...

I'M BAAAAAAACK!

TONG!

SONIC! MY HERO! WERE YOU BATTLING DOZENS OF ROBOTNIK'S EVIL ANDROIDS AGAIN?

WELL, I HATE TO BRAG, TAILS... BUT...

BUT HE WILL... GIVE HIM A CHANCE!

BRAGGING'S ONE THING, ROTOR... LEAVING A TRAIL FOR ROBOTNIK TO FOLLOW IS ANOTHER!

PRINCESS SALLY!

HAVE NO FEAR, YOUR ROYAL WORRY-WART! I TOOK OFF AT WARP SONIC SPEED!... MY FEET NEVER TOUCHED THE GROUND!

HMMPH!

OH BOY! I KNOW JUST HOW HE DID IT!... I'VE BEEN PRACTICING THE SAME MOVE MYSELF! WATCH ME, EVERYBODY!

CAREFUL, TAILS!

WHIIRRRRRR

HERE I GOOOOOOOOF!!

AW, ISN'T IT SWEET THE WAY HE IDOLIZES YOU, SONIC?... LIKE WE ALL DO!

?

TRIP!

FLAUWP!

ERR...I MEAN ALL THE RESIDENTS OF KNOTHOLE! *Heh heh...* NOT ME, OF COURSE! IMAGINE THAT...ME IDOLIZING YOU!!! HA HA HA HA HA

HA HA HA HA HA HA HAAAAA!

GULP!! YEAH! ... IMAGINE THAT!!

YOUR HIGHNESS! I HAVE AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

WELL, IF IT ISN'T ANTOINE D'COOLETTE... KNOTHOLE'S NUMBER ONE BLOWHARD!

SONIC-- PLEASE!

AHEM...

WHAT'S THE ANNOUNCE-MENT? TOO MUCH STARCH IN YOUR UNDERWEAR AGAIN?

YES, AS A MATTER OF FACT...*er*...*NO!* MY MESSAGE IS MOST URGENT!

WHAT?

A *LEAK* HAS BEEN DISCOVERED HERE IN KNOTHOLE! WE COULD BE FLOODED OUT...OR WORSE, ROBOTNIK COULD USE "TRICKLE DOWN" TECHNOLOGY TO LOCATE US...AND *DESTROY* US!

I'LL SAY... ANT NEEDS HELP DELIVER-ING DRAMATIC SPEECHES!

OH, HOW AWFUL!

END OF PART I

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

MUST BE ELIMINATED!

in DON'T CRY FOR ME, MOBIUS!

PART 2

DR. ROBOTNIK: SUPREME DICTATOR, INDUSTRIAL POLLUTER, MEGALOMANIAC...

...CORRUPT POLITICIAN, UNDERHANDED REPROBATE, RAIN FOREST RAVAGER, PUPPY KICKER, OIL SPILL COORDINATOR, HOLIDAY HATER, INSURANCE SALESMAN

YES, DOCTOR... BUT HOW? WE CAN'T FIND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS' HIDEOUT!

WAIT, I'M GETTING SOMETHING ON THE SPY SCREEN!

RIGHTS VIOLATED WHILE WAIT!

GOOD WORK, CRABMEAT! A GROUP OF NON-ROBOTS ARE WANDERING THE EDGE OF THE GREAT FOREST! IT COULD BE THEM!!!

ZEEP! ZEEP! ZEEP! ZEEP!

TSK! I JUST CLEANED THAT MONITOR!

COME, BUZZ-BOMBER! WE SHALL JOIN THEM... AND THEN *CRUSH* THEM!

STAY BACK, GANG! THE SOURCE OF THE LEAK IS JUST AHEAD... BUT WE'RE WITHIN RANGE OF ROBOTNIK'S SPY SATELLITES..

I'LL CHECK IT OUT, SONIC!

DON'T BE FOOLISH, TAILS! ONLY A WARRIOR OF MY CALIBER IS QUALIFIED!

I'M AFRAID ANT'S RIGHT, LITTLE BUDDY ... HE'S THE ONE WHO SHOULD GO!

NOW I SHALL PROVE TO YOU THAT I AM NO "STUFFED SHIRT"!

SPLASH!

MAYBE NOT... BUT YOU'RE STILL A "WET BLANKET"!

SPUTOOOOOOOO

YOU ≡GLUB!≡ YOU SET ME UP, SONIC!...

SURE! HERE'S YOUR LEAK, ANTSY... THIS STAND OF WEEPING WILLOW TREES!

HUH?

RECENTLY, ROBOTNIK BULLDOZED SEVERAL ACRES OF FOREST TRYING TO FIND KNOTHOLE'S ENTRANCE! THE WILLOWS HAVE BEEN CRYING FOR THEIR FALLEN FRIENDS EVER SINCE!

THAT'S WHY IT'S SO WET!

HOW SAD!

BLUB!

I'VE GOT AN IDEA... BUT FIRST LET'S GET BACK INSIDE THE FOREST! OUT HERE WE'RE EXPOSED TO--

ATTACK!

TAILS, HAVEN'T I ASKED YOU NOT TO FINISH MY SENTENCES?

I'M NOT! I'M SAYING WE'RE UNDER--

ATTACK, BUZZ-BOMBER!

YES, DOCTOR!

FIRST, WE'LL SMASH SONIC'S FRIENDS WITH MY CHECKER WRECKER BALL!

AW, C'MON, ROBOT-NOODNIK! I'M THE ONE YOU WANT... OR ARE YOU TOO CHICKEN TO CHASE ME?

CLUCK! CLUCK! CLUCK!

VROOOOM!

SPINY SWINE! HOW DARE YOU?! I'LL GLADLY FLATTEN YOU INTO A SONIC PANCAKE!

CRACK!

SWOOSH

WELL, WELL!... WELL, WELL, WELL!... WELL, NOW!...

WHY DO YOU KEEP SAYING THAT, ROTOR?

BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE SONIC'S HEADED, SALLY... TO THE *WELL!*

...THE WELL WHERE I HID ONE OF MY MAGIC RINGS FOR JUST SUCH AN OCCASION!

IT'LL GIVE ME THE POWER I NEED TO DEFEAT ROBOTNIK!

I'LL JUST DIP IN AND...OH MAN! I FORGOT THE RINGS RISE AND FALL! I CAN'T FEEL IT!

SAY YOUR PRAYERS, SONIC!

I *AM* PRAYING!... FOR THAT RING TO BUBBLE UP... LIKE *NOW!!!* OTHERWISE, I'M TOAST!

COUNTDOWN! 5... 4... 3...

SPLOOSH!

SPLASH!

WAIT... WHAT'S THIS?

I GOT IT!

Zooo

COUNT AWAY, BUZZBOMBER!...'CAUSE YOU AND ALL THE OTHER ROBOTS' DAYS ARE NUMBERED!

1ooo

WHEN I JUMP THROUGH THE RING LIKE A HULA HOOP, ROBOTNIK'S BALL WILL LOOP THE LOOP!

MASH!

BWANG

MY BEAUTIFUL SHIP...RUINED!

AND YOU'RE NEXT, ROBOTNIK!

HEY! COME HERE AND TAKE IT LIKE A MAN ...er... ROBOT!

NO WAY!

GET ME OUT OF HERE, BUZZBOMBER!

OOOOF! THAT'S A TALL ORDER, BOSS... OR RATHER, A FAT ORDER!

I'LL GET YOU YET, ROBOTNIK!

LATER...

SONIC, THIS IS A WONDER-FUL IDEA, PLANTING THESE SAPLINGS! THE WILLOWS HAVE ALREADY STOPPED WEEPING!

HE'S MY IDOL!

OH, SAPLINGS! I THOUGHT HE SAID, "PLANT A SAP!"

HMF!

THIS SUPERVISING IS HARD WORK... TIME FOR A CHILI DOG BREAK!

THE END

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

HERE! WELL, YOU'VE SEEN OUR SITUATION ON MOBIUS! BUT HOW DID IT GET LIKE THAT?

LET'S TAKE A SPIN DOWN MEMORY LANE AND SEE WHAT HAPPENED...

...IN A TALE WE'LL CALL ...

OH NO-DROBO! NOMO' MOBO!

PART I

THINGS WERE GREAT IN THE OLD DAYS... MOBIUS WAS A WAY COOL PLACE TO LIVE... MY UNCLE CHUCK HAD THIS ULTRA CHILI DOG STAND... AND THE FASTEST DELIVERY BOY ON TWO FEET....

HERE HE COMES, MUTTSKI!... ANOTHER LAND SPEED RECORD!

VROOOOOOM

CHUCK'S CHILI DOGS

WE DELIVER

(AND HOW!)

WURF! YIP! RALPH!

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I'M BACK, UNCLE CHUCK!

SO I SEE, SONIC! HOW ARE THOSE NEW SNEAKERS I MADE FOR YOU HOLDING UP?

SCREEEECH!

GREAT! NOT A BIT WORN OUT!

GOOD! WE WERE SPENDING ALL OUR PROFITS BUYING YOU NEW SHOES!

HOW 'BOUT THAT OL' UNCLE CHUCK, MUTTSKIMEISTER? HE NOT ONLY MAKES THE BEST CHILI DOG ON MOBIUS, BUT HE'S A GREAT INVENTOR!

ALL RIGHT! A CUSTOMER!

RING!

CHUCK CHILI DOGS

WE DELIVER

CHUCK'S CHILI DOGS... WHAT'S THAT? REALLY? OF COURSE WE CAN HANDLE SUCH A BIG ORDER! SURE, WE'LL DELIVER IT!

YIPPEE!

AN ORDER FOR TWO HUNDRED CHILI DOGS! WE'RE RICH!

UCK'S
LI
GS

THAT SENDS ME INTO A SONIC SPIN! WHAT A GREAT PLACE MOBIUS IS TO LIVE!

TAT TAT TAT TAT TAT

ATTENTION

THIS CITY IS NOW TO TO BE CALLED ROBOTROPOLIS!!! FROM NOW ON, NO MUSIC, NO BOOKS, NO PLANTS, NO GAMES, NO DANCING, NO LAUGHTER, NO FUN! I AM YOUR NEW, EVIL DICTATOR! DR. ROBOTNIK

"HAVE FUN- GO TO JAIL!"

SOON...

WHEW! THERE'S NUMBER 200!

ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN CARRY ALL THESE, SONIC?

WHIRL!

SILLY QUESTION!

KA-ZOOOOM

LOOK AT MY NEPHEW GO! HE'S THE FASTEST THING ON TWO FEET! OH, WHAT'RE YOU GROWLING AT, MUTTSKI?

SNARL...

GRROWRRR...

UNCLE CHUCK...

YOU WERE SMILING-- INDICATING ENJOYMENT! YOU ARE UNDER ARREST!

OW! ON WHOSE AUTHORITY?

WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!

ON *MINE*, YOU HATEFULLY HAPPY HEDGEHOG!

:Choke!: THAT VOICE!...

THE SAME ONE THAT ORDERED TWO HUNDRED CHILI DOGS!

:gasp!: ROBOT-NIK!

CHUCK'S CHILI DOGS

HRRRR...

MEANWHILE...

THIS IS THE PLACE!

MAN, THESE *UGLY* FACTORIES ARE SPRINGING UP ALL OVER THE PLACE LATELY!

PHOOO! IT REALLY STINKS HERE! DELIVER THIS DELIVERY BOY FROM THIS HOLE!

SAFETY RULES: NONE!!

KNOCK! KNOCK!

YES?...OH! THE CHILI DOGS!

RIGHT YOU ARE, CHICKEN LITTLE... YOU OWE ME THREE HUNDRED SMACKERS!

BILL 200 CHILI DOGS $300.00

WELCOME

STAY RIGHT THERE AND YOU'LL GET WHAT'S COMING TO YOU, HEDGEHOG!

SLAM!

BILL

I CAN SEE THIS GUY'S NO BIG TIPPER--HEY! WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?

uh...oh...

SMUNCH!

THIS WAS A SET-UP! IF I WASN'T SO FAST, I'D BE MUSHED UP LIKE THOSE CHILI DOGS!

HOLD ON... THE CHILI DOGS?

YIPE! UNCLE CHUCK!?

I'VE GOT A REAL BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...

* NOTE: SONIC IS GOING FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF SOUND... THE "ZOOM" NOISE WILL APPEAR LATER THIS WEEK! - Daryl

OH, NO!... NO... NO!

ERT!

SWATBOTS DESTROYING THE CHILI DOG STAND! UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI NOWHERE IN SIGHT!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

ON THIS SITE WILL BE ERECTED A NEW TOXIC DUMP

FAST FELINE

ROLLS

END OF PART I!

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BACK WITH YOU...

AS YOU JUST SAW, ROBOTNIK KIDNAPPED UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI! BUT THE WORST WAS YET TO COME...

OH NO--ROBO! IN NO MO' MOBO!

PART II

SCRAP BOOK

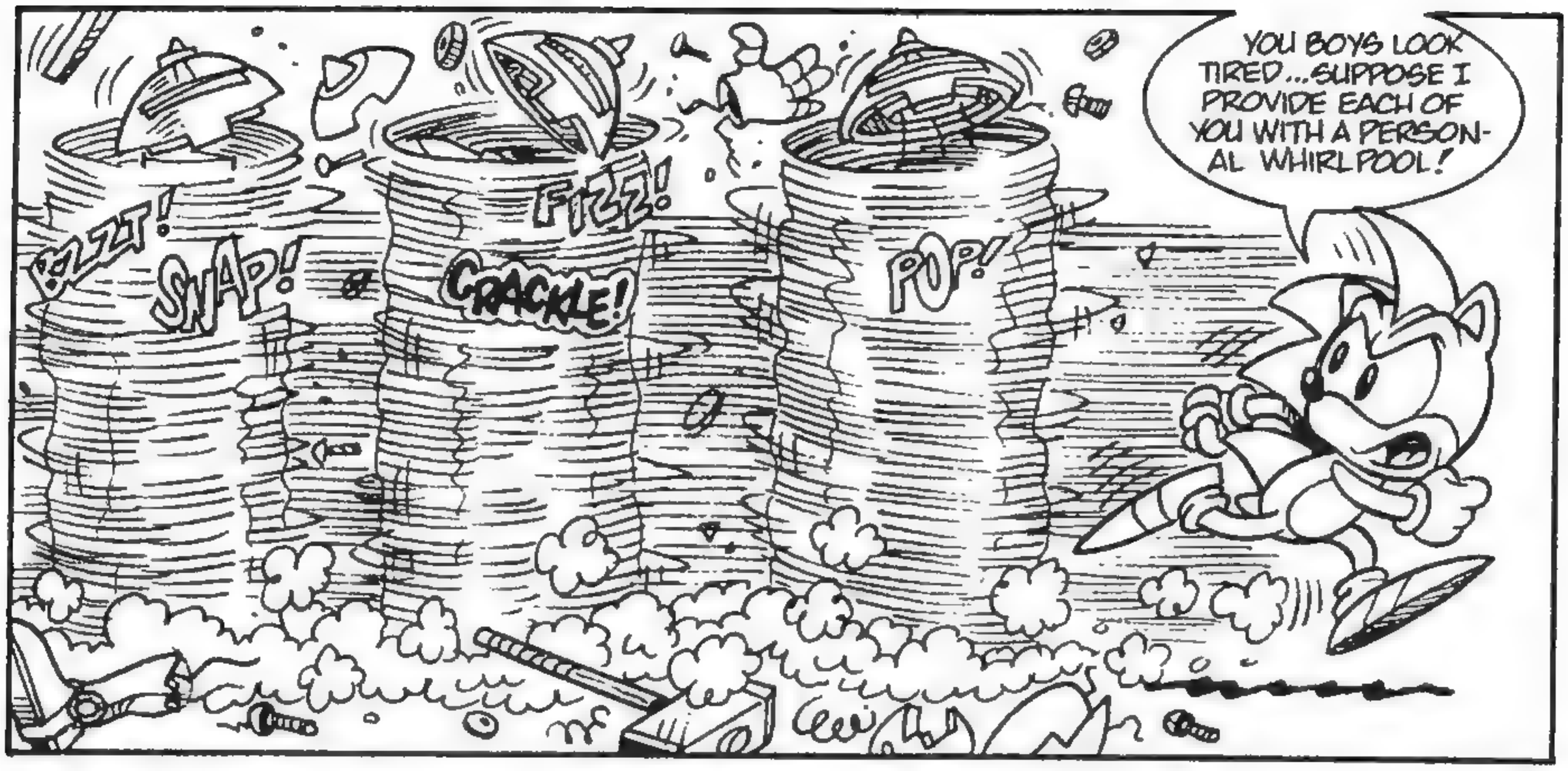
YOU LOUSY BUCKET OF BOLTS! WHAT DID YOU DO WITH UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI?!

ATTENTION, FELLOW SWATBOTS! HEDGEHOG EXHIBITING VIOLENT TENDENCIES! TERMINATE WITH EXTREME PRE-JUDICE!

CHUCK'S CHILI DOGS

AFFIRMATIVE!

GALLAGHER/SHAW!/WHITE


YOU BOYS LOOK TIRED...SUPPOSE I PROVIDE EACH OF YOU WITH A PERSONAL WHIRLPOOL!
FIZZ!
SNAP!
CRACKLE!
POP!

NOW TO CHECK THE MANUFACTURER... AHA!..."BUILT BY ROBOTNIK, INC." THE SAME SMELLY FACTORY I JUST CAME FROM!!!
♪ Daisy... Daisy...
SIZZLE!
GRRR!!

WITH MY SPEED, I'LL BE BACK THERE IN A FLASH!...HMM...TOO BAD THAT NAME'S ALREADY TAKEN...I LOOK GOOD IN RED...
SQUEE...
SWATBOT TO HEADQUARTERS. COME IN...

SOON...
THIS ROBOTNIK BOZO IS GONNA BE SORRY HE EVER MESSED WITH ME! NOT ONLY DID HE ABDUCT MY UNCLE AND DOG...
BUT HE STILL OWES ME FOR 200 CHILI DOGS!

NOTHING'S GONNA STOP ME FROM GOING IN THERE AND KICKING SOME RO-BUTT-NIK!

STOP!

YEOW!

WHAT TH--?

A GIRL! DON'T YOU KNOW BETTER THAN TO SNEAK UP ON A *HEDGEHOG* LIKE THAT?

I'M NOT JUST ANY GIRL! I'M PRINCESS SALLY ACORN!

MY FATHER, THE KING, HAS ALSO BEEN KIDNAPPED BY ROBOTNIK!

SORRY, KIDDO! TELL YOUR FAIRY TALES TO SOME-ONE ELSE!

I GOT A JOB TO DO!

RRRRRRRRRRRRR

NO! DON'T!

TACKLE!

HUH?... HEY!...

OOOF!

THUD!

YOU GOT A LOT OF NERVE, LITTLE LADY! HOW DARE YOU INTERRUPT--

BUZZZZZZZZZ!

SHHHH! THERE'S THE REASON I STOPPED YOU... ROBOTNIK'S BUZZBOMBERS ARE PATROLLING THE GROUNDS! IF THEY'D SPOTTED YOU, YOU'D BE A FRIED PORK RIND BY NOW!

GEE, THANKS, SALLY! YOU REALLY SAVED MY PORK RIND... I MEAN SKIN.

YES! I ALSO KNOW WHERE YOUR UNCLE CHUCK HAS BEEN TAKEN!

WE'LL TAKE THE SHORTCUT... I HOPE YOU CAN KEEP UP WITH ME!

HA! "SPEED" IS MY MIDDLE NAME!

ACTUALLY, IT'S "MAURICE" BUT DON'T TELL ANYONE, OK?

MINUTES LATER...

THERE! YOU SEE THAT GROUP OF NEW CAPTIVES? ROBOTNIK'S SWATBOTS KIDNAP THEM, THEN HE TURNS THEM INTO ROBOTS TO WORK IN HIS FACTORIES!

GASP! THERE'S MY UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI!

WELCOME TO "ORIENTATION", MY NEW EMPLOYEES! HERE'S YOUR SCHEDULE...

I'VE GOT TO SAVE THEM!

IT'S TOO LATE FOR THAT, SONIC!

YOU WILL WORK ALL DAY, EVERY DAY! NOW, LET'S HEAR "THE PLEDGE OF ROBOTNIK ALLEGIANCE!"

WE-PLEDGE-THE-REST-OF-OUR-LIVES-TO-SLAVE-FOR-GREAT-ROBOTNIK--

EH?

UNCLE CHUCK-- NO!

UNCLE CHUCK... SPEAK TO ME!

OH, NO! HE IS A ROBOT!

I-PROMISE-TO-IGNORE-ALL-ENVIRONMENTAL-LAW

HAW! ANOTHER HEDGE-HOG... AND THE PRINCESS!

OW!

YOU DID THIS! YOU BLOATED IN-DUSTRIALIST!

INDEED...

PUT ME DOWN!

ERT!

...AND I SHALL DO THE SAME TO BOTH OF YOU AND TO EVERY LIVING THING ON PLANET MOBIUS UNTIL NOTHING BUT MY ROBOTS REMAIN! TAKE THEM AWAY!

SWATBOTS! WE'RE GOING TO BE TURNED INTO MACHINES!

YES, MASTER!

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT, SALLY...

ALL-HAIL-THE-ROUND-ONE-

WHHRRRRR...

TRAMP! TRAMP! TRAMP!

I'M GONNA WHIRL AROUND FASTER THAN EVER BEFORE!...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? STOP!

eep!

ONE NATION-UNDER A TOXIC CLOUD...

UNTIL I CREATE A GIANT VORTEX...A TORNADO!

AUNTIE EM!

WAY TO GO, SONIC!

C'MON, SALLY..." HE WHO KNOWS WHEN TO RUN AWAY LIVES TO FIGHT ANOTHER DAY!"

I LIKE YOUR STYLE, SONIC...

I THINK YOU NEED TO MEET MY GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS ...HEAD THAT WAY!

INTO THE GREAT FOREST? NO ONE LIVES THERE!

WRONG, SONIC... I'VE ORGANIZED A BAND OF REBELS DEDICATED TO OVER-THROWING ROBOTNIK AND RETURNING MOBIUS TO NORMAL...

WOULD YOU CARE TO JOIN US?

IF IT MEANS FREEDOM FOR MY UNCLE, MY DOG, AND ALL THOSE OTHER FOLKS... PLUS, ANOTHER SHOT AT ROBOTNIK...

THE ANSWER IS YES!

ZOOOSH!

...AND SO, THAT'S HOW I GOT INVOLVED WITH MY PALS HERE ON MOBIUS...

IF YOU WANT TO HEAR MORE ABOUT THOSE EARLY DAYS, DROP US A LINE...

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SCOTT SHAW!

THIS IS THE CITY—*MOBOTROPOLIS!* AT LEAST IT USED TO BE UNTIL THE EVIL DR. ROBOTNIK TOOK OVER AND TURNED IT INTO *ROBOTROPOLIS!* ONLY A FEW FREEDOM FIGHTERS REMAIN WHO REMEMBER THE WAY IT WAS AND HOPEFULLY THE WAY IT WILL BE AGAIN *SOMEDAY!* FOREMOST AMONG THEM IS:

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ in: RUN, SALLY, RUN!

part I

C'MON, TAILS... KEEP UP! I'M ABOUT TO JUMP INTO HYPER-SONIC SPEED!

I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU, SONIC!

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GO! WHOA! THERE'S PRINCESS SALLY!

KOFF! KOFF! HEY! I CAN'T SEE! WHERE AM I?

SCREEECH!

SALLY?...
SALLY!
WHAM!
HMMM?
OH, SONIC! I DIDN'T SEE YOU!

OOOOOG! JUST LIKE I DIDN'T SEE THIS MAPLE TREE!
I CAN'T STAY AND CHAT... I'M IN A HURRY...
?

IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS, BUT YOU'RE WALKING TOO CLOSE TO THE EDGE OF THE GREAT FOREST...
YOU'RE RIGHT, SONIC...

WELL, THAT'S BECAUSE I KNOW THE AREA SO WELL AND...
NO, I MEAN YOU'RE RIGHT THAT IT'S *NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!*

SO JUST GET ON WITH WHAT YOU WERE DOING AND *LEAVE ME ALONE!*
GEE! PRINCESS SALLY SURE SEEMS CRABBY!
YEAH, AND I'LL BET THAT POMPOUS OAF, ANTOINE HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT!

C'MON—LET'S BEAT FEET TO THE HIDDEN ENTRANCE TO KNOTHOLE!

YEAH!

CAN I SWING ON THE VINE THAT OPENS THE SECRET STUMP WITH YOU?

SURE...I UH-OH!

LOOK OUT!

OUCH!

OOF!

KABASH!

HEY!

YOW!

ANTOINE WAS COMING OUT OF THE STUMP JUST AS WE WERE GOING IN!

TELL ME SOMETHING I *DON'T* KNOW!

I'LL BE GLAD TO!... PRINCESS SALLY IS ON HER WAY TO ROBOTROPOLIS!

HUH? LET ME SPEED READ THIS...*OH NO!!!*

WHAT?

Royal Proclamation

I Have arranged a meeting with Doctor Robotnik to negotiate the return of my father, King Acorn! **NO ONE** must interfere with my plan...that's an ORDER!

Sally

SHE SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN TO TRUST THAT SLEEZEBALL! C'MON, FELLAS... WE CAN STILL CATCH HER!

VA-VA-VROOM!

THERE SHE IS! WE'RE JUST IN TIME. BUZZ-BOMBER IS ABOUT TO ATTACK HER!

STAY BACK! THIS CALLS FOR A SONIC SPIN!

ZING!

HUH? WHAT?

NO!

AHA! YOU DID BETRAY US, SALLY!

SONIC-- DON'T!

HEY! WHAT THE--?

SALLY! WHY DID...

UH OH...

YEOWTCH!

THUD!

BUZZBOMBER MUST HAVE HYPNOTIZED HER! IT IS UP TO *ME* TO SAVE SALLY--*CHARGE!!!*

SONIC... SPEAK TO ME!

WILL YOU ALL *CHILL OUT?!*

ANYBODY GET THE NUMBER OF THAT CEMENT TRUCK?

I'M SUPPOSED TO BE MEETING BUZZBOMBER!

HUH?

WHAT?

WHY?

HE'S GOING TO FLY ME TO THE NEUTRAL SITE WHERE ROBOTNIK AND I WILL NEGOTIATE THE RELEASE OF MY FATHER!

EXACTLY!

SALLY-- WAIT!

DON'T DO IT!

IT'S A TRAP!

I'VE GOT TO TAKE THAT CHANCE! RELAX-- I'LL BE FINE!

ROBOTNIK'S GOT HER FOOLED! BUT *NOT* ME!

WE MUST FOLLOW THEM AND PREVENT SALLY FROM BEING KIDNAPPED!

FOR ONCE, I AGREE WITH YOU, ANT... LET'S GET MOV--

HEY!

A CAGE POPPED UP OUT OF THE GROUND! WE'RE TRAPPED!

THIS IS ROBOTNIK'S WORK! I WONDER WHAT TREACHERY HE HAS PLANNED FOR SALLY?

KTANG!

LET'S FIND OUT...

CAREFUL, BUZZBOMBER! YOU'RE GETTING AWFUL CLOSE TO THAT SMELLY SMOKESTACK!

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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?... DON'T DROP MEEEEEEEE...

FLOOMF!

UNHAPPY LANDINGS, PRINCESS!

...EEEEYOW!

WELL, WELL! IF IT ISN'T SILLY LITTLE SALLY!

WHUMP!

ROBOTNIK! THIS ISN'T HOW WE AGREED TO MEET! YOU BROKE YOUR PROMISE!

MACHINES CAN'T MAKE OR BREAK PROMISES, YOUR HIGHNESS...

...BUT YOU'LL UNDERSTAND THAT BETTER AFTER I'VE TURNED YOU INTO A ROBOT! TAKE HER TO THE ROBO-MACHINE!

YES, MASTER!

SWATBOTS! LET ME GO! SONIC--

HELP!

End of Part I!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ in RUN, SALLY, RUN! part II

CAN'T HELP YOU NOW, PRINCESS SALLY!

OH, PLEASE! DO ANYTHING TO ME, BUT DON'T THROW ME IN THAT ROBO-MACHINE AND TURN ME INTO A ROBOT!

ROBO-MACHINE
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ASSEMBLED IN MEXICO

OKAY, BOYS... ON THE COUNT OF THREE...
ONE...TWO...

EEEE

EEEEEEEEEEKABOOOMM!!

GADZOOKS! THE HEDGEHOG!

SONIC!

YOW!

AWH!

HOW DID YOU ESCAPE FROM MY UNDERGROUND CAGE?

WITH A SONIC SPIN LIKE THAT ONE! IT CAN CUT THRU ANYTHING!

INCLUDING YOUR ROBO-MACHINE, BLUBBER-BUTT!... AS SOON AS I GET SALLY OUT OF THE WAY!

BUT, SONIC...

YOU CAN'T CUT THRU MY ATOMIC RAY GUN!

HMMM? WHERE IS IT? I KNOW I PUT IN MY CAPE... I'VE BEEN PICKPOCKETED!

BY THE BEST! ANTOINE D'COOLETTE!

WITH AN ASSIST FROM TAILS!

OH, NO! YOU TWO, TOO?

WELL, IT IS "TWOSDAY!"

ANTOINE! DIDN'T BOOMER SHOW YOU MY ROYAL PROCLAMATION?

OF COURSE! AND I LEAPED INTO ACTION TO SAVE YOU.

SPEAKING OF LEAPING...

NO!... DON'T!!!

BWANG!

ALL RIGHT! ANOTHER SONIC SPIN!

KISS YOUR ROBO-MACHINE GOODBYE, ROBOTNIK!

SKRUNK!

MY MACHINE! IT'LL TAKE AT LEAST TWO ISSUES TO REBUILD IT!

AND IF YOU DO, I'LL BE BACK TO SMASH IT AGAIN... AND AGAIN AND...

AND NOW, ON WITH THE RESCUE! COVER US, ANT!

WE'RE TAILING YOU, SONIC!

=sigh=

DON'T MOVE ANY METAL, ROBOTNIK OR I'LL ZAP YOUR BOLTS!

grow!...

=snort!=

woof!

HANG ON, EVERYONE!

WE'LL BORROW ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S WAGONS AND BE BACK IN THE GREAT FOREST LICKETY-SPLIT!

Wheee...

YOU SEEM TROUBLED, SALLY... WONDERING HOW MANY MEDALS TO AWARD US?

Hmmm...

SOON, BACK AT KNOTHOLE...

WELCOME BACK, PRINCESS! DID EVERYTHING GO ACCORDING TO PLAN?

OH YEAH!

SLAP!

HIGH FIVES!

ALL RIGHT!

YEE HA!

groan...

ON THE CONTRARY, ROTOR... EVERYTHING THAT COULD GO WRONG DID GO WRONG!

?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, SALLY? WE STOMPED 'EM!

YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T GET TO USE--

NO!

THANKS TO THE "MUCHO MACHO SQUAD" HERE, I WAS-RESCUED!-(AND I USE THE TERM LOOSELY)

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT, SAL?

MY BOOT, YOU BOOB! TAKE A LOOK... WHAT DO YOU SEE?

UMMMM... "SIZE 5½?"

ZIP!

ARRGH!! TELL HIM, ROTOR!

I SPENT MONTHS DESIGNING THOSE BOOTS...

THEY HAVE HIDDEN CAMERAS, RECORDERS AND COMPUTERIZED JAMMING SENSORS IN THE SOLES!

UH

OH

SALLY *WANTED* TO BE PUT IN THE ROBO-MACHINE! THE BOOTS WOULD'VE ANALYZED THE MACHINE SO WE COULD REVERSE IT'S EFFECTS, GET IT?

ULP! THAT'S WHY HER PROCLAMATION TOLD US NOT TO INTERFERE...

NICE OF YOU TO NOTICE! WE COULD'VE FREED MY FATHER, YOUR UNCLE CHUCK, MUTTSKI AND EVERYONE ELSE ROBOTNIK'S TURNED INTO ROBOTS!... BUT *NOOOOO*...

GEE WHIZ... WE WERE JUST TRYING TO HELP...

I THINK I'LL LEAVE THIS EPISODE OUT OF MY MEMOIRS...

SLAM!

ANTOINE

SORRY ABOUT THIS, ROTOR!

LIKE THEY SAY... "THE BEST LAID PLANS OF MICE AND... *uh*... *HEDGEHOGS* GO AWRY, SO, IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED, TRY AND TRY AGAIN!"

The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ in something fishy

HOLY CATFISH! I JUST PUT MY LINE IN AND I HOOKED ONE ALREADY! WHAT A FISHERMA--*er*--FISHERHOG!

SPLISH!

FLOOP!

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WOW! IT'S A BIG ONE!

AND A HUNGRY ONE! HE'S EATING MY POLE!

CHOMP! GLOM! CHEW! GNASH! BITE! GULP!

YIPE!!

NOW HE'S EATING THE DOCK!

CRUNCH! SNAP! GROWL! WOLF! CRACK!

HE'D PROBABLY HAVE EATEN ME IF I DIDN'T JUMP BACK! *Hmmm...* THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THIS THING...

WHIRRRRRRRRRRR

SPLWTER! CHAW! UAP!

WAIT A SECOND!... IT'S NOT EVEN ALIVE!

IT'S A MECHANICAL FISH... AND THAT MEANS ONE THING... *ROBOTNIK!*

SURE ENOUGH! THERE'S ONE OF HIS FACTORY DRAINPIPES POURING POLLUTION INTO THE WATER!

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BLORP! BLURGE!

WHO KNOWS WHAT OTHER NASTY BUSINESS HE'S UP TO DOWN BELOW?

WELL, HERE'S ONE WAY TO FIND OUT...

SPLASH!

SPPLOOSH!

WHOA! THIS IS SOME KIND OF UNDERWATER SLUDGE SLIDE!

TWO SECONDS TO IMPACT!

SO THIS IS WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE AN ANCHOR, MAN!

Thwang!

THE HITS JUST KEEP ON COMING!

AHA! THERE'S THAT MOTORIZED MOBY DICK!

HE'S REALLY MOVING NOW... HEADING FOR THAT UNDERWATER CAVERN!

ZOOSH!

BUT I CAN MATCH HIS R.P.M.* EASY... USING MY SUB-SONIC SPEED!**

*-RIPPLES PER MINUTE

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WHAT THE--?!

SWOOP!

A CONCEALED FISHNET CAME OFF THE BOTTOM AND GRABBED ME!

IT'S ON SOME KIND OF CONVEYOR BELT!

I'M BEING CARRIED INSIDE THE CAVERN!

HOLY ABALONE! I'M ABOUT TO BE FED INTO ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S MACHINES AND TURNED INTO A ROBOT LIKE MY UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI WERE!

WATERPROOF ROBOT MAKER

WELL, WELL! LOOK WHAT THE CATFISH DRAGGED IN! GURGLE YOUR PRAYERS, HEDGEHOG!!

MEANWHILE...

THIS IS WHERE SONIC TOLD US TO MEET HIM, TAILS!

OH BOY... SITTIN' BY THE DOCK OF THE BAY

UH-OH! THAT'S GONNA BE HARD TO DO!

I'LL SAY...

THERE IS *NO* DOCK! NO SONIC, EITHER! LOOK AT THIS!... HIS FISHING POLE... ALL CHEWED AND MANGLED!

HMMM...

I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS! WAIT HERE, TAILS... I'LL BE BACK IN TWO SHAKES OF A SEA LION'S TAIL!

HUH? WHAT? WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

EXACTLY TWO SHAKES OF A SEA LION'S TAIL LATER...

I'VE BEEN BUILDING THIS BATHYSPHERE IN THE BASEMENT FOR MONTHS!

NOW THAT'S WHAT'S I CALL A *SUB*-PLOT!

LAUNCH!

BWOOOSH!

AND AT THAT MOMENT...

SEE HOW IT WORKS, SONIC? THE FISH, CRABS, AND SQUID ENTER THE MACHINE AS LIVING BEINGS, BUT COME OUT AS MECHANICAL SLAVES OF ROBOTNIK!

YOU FINNY FIEND!

WATERPROOF ROBOT MAKER

BZZT!

CLICK!

BEEP!

SOON, MY MASTER WILL CONTROL THE ENTIRE PLANET... ON LAND AND UNDER THE SEA!

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT, JAWS!

OH, BUT YOU WILL HELP! ONCE YOU'RE A ROBOT, YOU'LL SERVE ROBOTNIK WELL!

HERE'S WHAT I'M SERVING...

A SONIC SPIN! WHICH I BET WILL SHRED THIS NET!

NO! STOP!

VROOWM!

gasp! UH-OH... *Wheeze!* I USED UP ALL MY AIR DOING THAT... *Hack!* C-CAN'T BREATHE...

AWW... YOU'D BREAK MY HEART...

... IF I HAD ONE!

=choke!= ALL I NEED... HUFF-PUFF... IS A BIG AIR BUBBLE... --gurgle!!--

GOT SOME-THING CAUGHT IN YOUR THROAT?

THUD!

HERE...LET ME EXAMINE IT... UP CLOSE!

=ACK...=

BACK OFF, BAITBREATH! NOBODY PUTS THE BITE ON MY BUDDY!

KWTOOM!

SPANG!

AWK!

HUH?... WHO?...

DID YOU ORDER A SUBMACHINE SANDWICH?

TAILS! ROTOR! THANKS FOR SAVING THIS HOG'S BACON!

ARE YOU OKAY, SONIC?

I WILL BE...

GULP!

gulp!

...ONCE I GULP THESE AIR BUBBLES YOUR TORPEDO MADE!

NOW STAND BACK, BOYS!

YEE-HA! LOOK AT THAT SONIC SPIN!

VA-VA-

VROOOM!

KISS YOUR WATERPROOF ROBOT MAKER GOODBYE, ROBOT-NIK!

KA-BLAM!

THAT HEDGEHOG IS DESTROYING MY MASTER'S MACHINE!

I MUST REPORT THIS TO DR. R. AT ONCE!

OUCH! OF COURSE, SINCE ROTOR DAMAGED MY -OOOF!- PROPELLER, IT MAY TAKE ME A WHILE... YEOWITCH! LIKE MAYBE A YEAR!

BONK!

BOP!

BLAT!

SOON

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

YEAH... TIME FOR LUNCH!

OKAY, BUT LET'S DO CHILI DOGS... I'VE LOST MY TASTE FOR SEAFOOD!

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SCOTT SHAW!

THE PLANET *MOBIUS* HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE EVIL INDUSTRIALIST, DR. ROBOTNIK, WHO INTENDS TO TURN EVERY LIVING BEING INTO A ROBOT! BUT NOT IF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS CAN HELP IT! LED BY PRINCESS SALLY ACORN, THEIR BIGGEST GUN IS THE SUPER SPEEDY--

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!™ in A CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT

Part I

THAT'S PRINCESS SALLY CALLING ME! AND IT GIVES ME A CHANCE TO TRY A NEW TRICK I'VE BEEN WORKING ON...

THRONE ROOM

A BOOK LENGTH CLASSIC...

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BY MOVING AT TWICE THE SPEED OF SOUND, I CAN ARRIVE BEFORE THE WORDS LEAVE HER LIPS...

SONIC THE HEDGE..HUH?

ZIA-VOOSHKA!

SONIC--I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU!

YOU MEAN THE REASON WHY YOU CHANGED FROM A BLONDE TO A BRUNETTE?

TAP TAP TAP

NO, WISEGUY! JUST WAIT THERE!

BUT I WONDER IF HE LIKES ME BETTER AS A BRUNETTE?

I'D NEVER TELL HER, BUT I *LOVE* HER HAIR DARK!

CATCH!

YOOOOF! WHAT'S THIS? A JEWELRY BOX?

THUMF!

NOT JUST ANY JEWELRY BOX... IT'S MY FATHER'S!

GASP! YOU MEAN--

YES! IN THAT BOX IS THE MAGIC CROWN OF THE ACORN KINGS! IT SHOULD BE ON MY FATHER'S HEAD, BUT SINCE HE WAS KIDNAPPED BY ROBOTNIK, I'VE DECIDED TO WEAR IT! MAYBE ITS MAGIC POWERS WILL HELP US FIND HIM AND FREE HIM!

TOO COOL! I'M HOLDING THE FREEDOM *EMERALDS!*

YES, THE FOUR FREEDOM EMERALDS! THE MYSTICAL GEMS THAT SIT ATOP THE CROWN! THEIR POWER IS AWESOME!

I'LL SAY! THE FREEDOM EMERALD'S MAGIC IS WHAT KEEPS ROBOTNIK'S REIGN OF TERROR AT BAY!

ACORN

GEE... IMAGINE IF THEY FELL INTO THE WRONG HANDS!

DON'T WORRY... ANTOINE D'COOLETTE'S ROYAL GUARD KEEPS A CONSTANT WATCH ON THEM!

HA-TEN-HUT!

OKAY, I'M READY FOR THE CORONATION... CROWN ME, SONIC!

THE BOX... IT'S *EMPTY!* THE CROWN... IT'S *GONE!*

GONE? OH, NO!

IMPOSSIBLE! I PERSONALLY TRAINED EACH ONE OF THE ROYAL GUARDS!

THAT EXPLAINS A LOT...

ARE YOU SAYING I'M INCOMPETENT?

I DIDN'T HAVE TO-- YOU JUST DID!

KNOCK IT OFF YOU TWO!

IF ROBOTNIK GETS HIS MECHANICAL MITTS ON THE FREEDOM EMERALDS, MOBIUS IS DOOMED!

I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE A ROYAL GUARDSMAN LET THIS HAPPEN!

SMEK!

NEITHER CAN I, ANT... UNLESS...

...UNLESS IT WASN'T A "GUARDSMAN", BUT A "GUARD-ROBOT!"

eep!

:GASP!: YOU MEAN... THERE'S A ROBOTNIK SPY AMONGST THEM?

THERE'S ONE WAY TO FIND OUT...

SONIC... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

WHIRRRRR...

SHOWING OFF AS USUAL!

WHY ARE YOU ZOOMING AROUND IN A CIRCLE? YOU'RE BURNING THE RUBBER OFF THE BOTTOM OF YOUR SNEAKERS!

EXACTLY!

THAT OUGHT TO SET OFF THE SMOKE DETECTORS THAT ROTOR INSTALLED!

AND NOW THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM IS COMING ON!

THE GUARDSMEN ARE GETTING SOAKED! OH, MY ACHING LAUNDRY BILL!

RELAX, ANTSY... THEY'RE JUST GETTING WET... EXCEPT FOR *THAT* ONE!

THAT LITTLE PIGGY'S GETTING *RUSTY!*

BRILLIANT, SONIC!

OIL CAN... OIL CAN...

ARREST THAT SWINE!

SQUEAK!

CREAK!

TELL US EVERYTHING YOU KNOW, ROBOT!

:SQUEAK: I KNOW YOU ARE =BZZZZT!= ALL GONERS!

I'VE GIVEN THE FREEDOM EMERALDS TO MY MASTER, DR. ROBOTNIK! HE'S SCATTERED THEM TO THE FOUR CORNERS OF MOBIUS!

TOOT!

CRACKLE!

GRAP!

AND NOW, THANKS TO THIS TURNCOAT, ROBOTNIK KNOWS WHERE KNOTHOLE IS!

NOT TO WORRY, MON CAPITAN! IT WON'T BE HERE MUCH LONGER!

HISSSSSS...

:KOFF!:

HE LOOKS ANGRY ENOUGH TO EXPLODE!

THAT'S JUST WHAT HE'S GONNA DO! THE ROBOT'S INITIATED HIS SELF-DESTRUCT MECHANISM!

:CACKLE: -CHORTLE- :SNICKER: YOU'RE TOO LATE, HEDGEHOG!

HISSSSSSS

GANGWAY, EVERYBODY!

KABOOM!

gasp!

SONIC!

END of PART I

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ in A CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT

Part II

IS DEAD! =SOB!= AND I NEVER GOT TO TELL HIM THAT =HUCK= I LUH-- LUH-- LOVED--

PRINCESS SALLY-- LOOK!

HUSH, ANT! LET HER FINISH WHAT SHE'S SAYING!

GALLAGHER/SHAW!/WHITE

HUH? WHO--SONIC! YOU'RE OKAY! I--UH-- I WAS JUST SAYING HOW I--err--- LOVED YOUR RECIPE FOR PUMPKIN PIE!

mmm-hmmm!

TAP TAP TAP

NEVER MIND THAT! HOW DID YOU AVOID GET-TING BLOWN UP?

WARP SONIC SPEED, ANTOINE! I ZOOMED THAT ROBOT UP THROUGH THE SECRET ENTRANCE TO KNOTHOLE IN RECORD TIME... JUST BEFORE HE WENT...

KA-BLOOEY!!

BWANG!

GOOD WORK, SONIC! YOU SAVED THE VILLAGE! OUR FIGHT AGAINST ROBOTNIK CAN CONTINUE!

YES, BUT WE MUST ACT QUICKLY AND RECOVER THE FREEDOM EMERALDS OR ALL WILL BE LOST!

YOU'RE RIGHT! AND I SAW SOMETHING VERY UNUSUAL UP ABOVE...

" A ROBOTNIK BLIMP WITH AN ESCORT OF BUZZBOMBERS AND BAT BRAINS!"

?

THAT'S IT! ROBOTNIK MUST BE TAKING THE EMERALDS TO A SECRET LOCATION!

THIS IS A JOB FOR THE BRAVEST FREEDOM FIGHTER OF ALL!

RIGHT! STAND BACK...

WHIRRRR...

WRONG! THIS IS A JOB FOR BOTH OF YOU TOGETHER!

WHAT?

THIS MISSION IS TOO DANGEROUS AND IMPORTANT FOR ONE! AS COMMANDER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, I'M ORDERING YOU TWO TO CO-OPERATE, GOT IT?

=grumble= YES, YOUR HIGHNESS! =growl=

TAP TAP TAP

SOON...

WOW! HOW'D YOU GET MY HOT AIR BALLOON INFLATED SO FAST?

I JUST ASKED ANT TO TELL ME ABOUT HIS COLLEGE DAYS...

...AND SO, I WORE MY BEANIE TO THE FRESHMAN DANCE ...BLAH-BLA-BLA-YAK-YAK--YAK...

OKAY, ANTS! WE'RE HIGH ENOUGH TO SEE ROBOTNIK'S BLIMP...

YES...THERE'S JUST ONE PROBLEM...

YOU MEAN IF WE CAN SEE THEM, THEY CAN SEE US?

EXACTLY! WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

POW!

YIPE! THE BUZZBOMBERS AND BATBRAINS BURST OUR BALLOON!

LOOK OUT BELOW!

GRAB YOUR PARACHUTE AND BAIL OUT, SONIC!

YOU GO AHEAD, ANTOINE... I'VE GOT ANOTHER IDEA...

BY GOING INTO A SONIC SPIN...

I CAN LEAP FROM ROBOT TO ROBOT...

DESTROYING THEM...

WHILE I CLOSE IN ON THE BLIMP...

BOP!

ZOK!

WHAM!

SLAK!

FRAP!

BLAMMO!

WHAT'S GOOD FOR THE GOOSE IS WORTH TAKING A GANDER AT!

GRAB HOLD, SONIC!

GRAB

NICE CATCH, ANT!

LOOK! A SWATBOT!

HE MUST'VE BEEN THE AUTOMATIC PILOT!

RETURN YOUR TRAYS TO THE UPRIGHT POSITION...

SOMETHING BRIGHT AND SHINY POPPED OUT WHEN HE CRASHED!

COULD IT BE?...

SMASH!

YES! IT'S ONE OF THE FREEDOM EMERALDS!

LISTEN! THE DAMAGED SWATBOT MAY TELL US SOMETHING...

SQUEEEE!

BRAP!

:BZUT!: MUST CARRY OUT MASTER'S PLAN... SCATTER FREEDOM EMERALDS...:CRACKLE!: AIR-LAND-SEA-UNDERGROUND!

AHA! THAT'S HIS PLAN! TO SEPERATE THE GEMS SO THEIR MAGIC CAN'T AFFECT HIS DREAM OF A MECHANICAL WORLD!

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

WE'RE NOT DOING ANY-THING! YOU'RE TAKING THIS EMERALD BACK TO PRINCESS SALLY!

BUT SHE TOLD US TO STAY TOGETHER!

TOSS!

THAT WAS BEFORE WE KNEW WHAT ROBOTNIK WAS UP TO! BRING HER THIS STONE...SHE'LL PUT IT'S MAGIC TO GOOD USE!

YOU'RE RIGHT!

MEANWHILE, I'LL TAKE OFF AT HYPER-SONIC SPEED AND TRY TO FIND THE NEXT FREEDOM EMERALD! HMMM...WE GOT THE "AIR" ROCK...THAT LEAVES LAND, SEA AND UNDERGROUND!

:KOFF KOFF: GOOD LUCK!

VROOOOOOSH!

END OF PART II

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IN

A CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT

Part III

GOTTA USE MY SUB-SONIC SPEED TO REACH THAT CAVERN I WAS IN LAST MONTH.*

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AH...THERE IT IS! NOW, I'LL--

--WHAT THE HECK IS ON MY FOOT?

TAILS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING DOWN HERE?

JUST STRINGING ALONG, SONIC!

YOU CAN'T DO THAT!... THIS IS DANGEROUS!

YIPE! YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!

JAWS!

HRASH!!

WHO?

JAWS--THE MECHANICAL SHARK... ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S BADDEST BADNIKS!

C'MON--DUCK INTO THIS CAVERN WITH ME! I'LL BET THIS IS WHERE THEY HID THE FREEDOM EMERALD!

WHAT?!

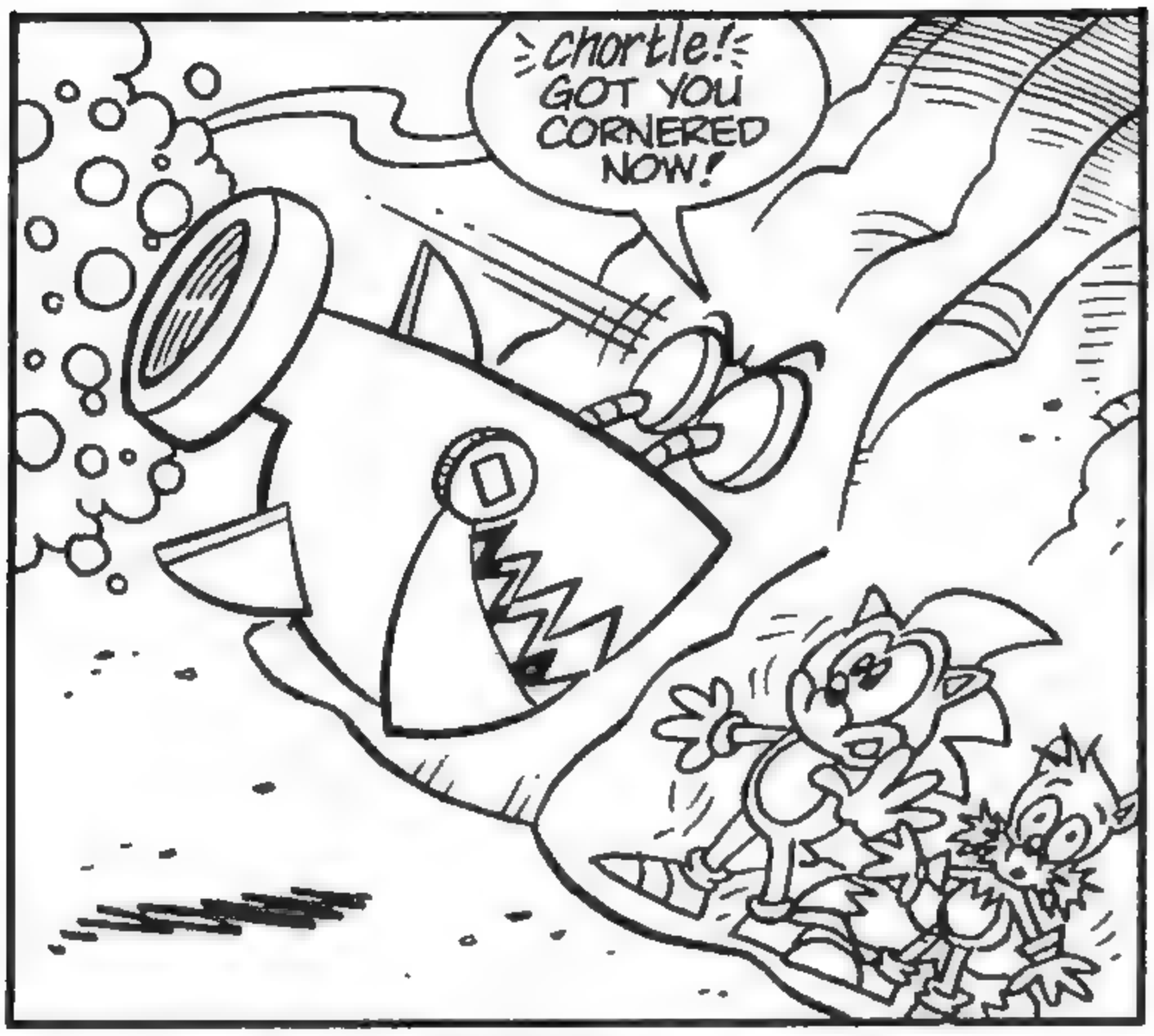
GROWL!

YOU MEAN ONE OF *THE* FREEDOM EMERALDS FROM KING ACORN'S CROWN?

I SURE DO... AND THERE IT IS!

THAT'S TWO DOWN AND TWO TO GO!

UH, OH... HERE COMES JAWS...


Chortle! GOT YOU CORNERED NOW!

AND NO ONE GETS OUT ALIVE!!!

Zing...
BASH!
OW!

EGAD... THE OLDEST TRICK IN THE BOOK! IT'S A DRAWING OF THEM ON THE WALL... OOOOGAH!

A "DRAWING"? I'D CALL IT A "QUICK SKETCH" ...REAL QUICK!
GOOD THING I ALWAYS CARRY A WATERPROOF MARKER!
I SHOULD'VE NOTICED THEY ONLY HAD FOUR FINGERS...
END of Part III

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ IN A CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT

Part IV

APPROACHING, MASTER!

YOU GET THAT FREEDOM EMERALD TO PRINCESS SALLY, TAILS! I'M GOING AFTER THE OTHER TWO!

AYE, AYE, FELLOW FREEDOM FIGHTER!

VERY WELL! INITIATE PLAN 426!

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MUST HIDE EMERALD FROM HEDGEHOG-- *CLICK* -- FROM HEDGEHOG *CLICK!* FROM HEDGEHOG...

WHAT LUCK! THE SWATBOT CARRYING THAT EMERALD HAS A SHORT CIRCUIT!

FROM HEDGEHOG...

YO, RUSTPOT... YOUR NEEDLE'S STUCK!

GRAB!

YO, BLUEBOY ... YOU'RE OUT OF LUCK!

YEOW!

drop!

HOLY MOLE HOLE! I'M FALLING INTO A BOTTOMLESS PIT!...

OOOF! NOT QUITE BOTTOMLESS! WHEN DID THIS BECOME AN UNDERGROUND COMIC?

I'LL TAKE THAT EMERALD, HEDGEHOG! IT MATCHES MY OTHER ONE!

=gasp= ... THE BURROBOT!

SO, YOU'VE HEARD OF ME!* LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT I CAN DO!

I ALREADY KNOW! YOU CAN BORE THRU ANYTHING ... INCLUDING *ME!*

SKRONCH!

BOING!

* RECOGNIZE BURRO-BOT FROM 'ROBOTNIK'S BADNIK'S'?- EDITOR

CHUNKA-
CHUNKA-
CHUNKA-
CHUNKA-

MAN! HE'S NASTY! I'M LIVING ON *BURROWED* TIME DOWN HERE... I'D BETTER JUICE!

WHOA! HE CUT ME OFF!

AND NOW I'LL CUT YOUR LIMBS OFF!

ERRRRT!

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT, NEEDLE-NOSE! WHY DON'T YOU GO FOR A SPIN?... I'LL HOLD THESE EMERALDS FOR YOU!

eep!

WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL
WHIRL

SOMEONE HAS TO SAY IT EVENTUALLY... "HOW CAN ANYTHING SO BIG MOVE SO FAST...?"

YEEE-HA!!

VOOOM!

THUD!

MUCH LATER...

Huff... puff...

I'VE BEEN RUNNING THROUGH THESE CATACOMBS FOR HOURS! I'M SO EXHAUSTED, I DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY IS UP!...

WHAT AM I SAYING? THAT'S THE ANSWER-- UP!

SIGH!

THIS IS GONNA REQUIRE THE MOST POWERFUL SONIC SPIN I EVER TRIED...

TWANG!

USING EVERY OUNCE OF HIS STRENGTH, SONIC TUNNELS UPWARDS UNTIL...

HE POPS THRU THE FLOOR OF BOOMER'S SHOP!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

CROWNS REPAIRED-- WHILE-U-WAIT

ACORN

YOUR EMERALDS, PRINCESS SALLY!

HOW CAN I... er... WE EVER THANK YOU ENOUGH?

ALMOST FINISHED, ROTOR?

YES MA'AM...WHERE'D YOU PICK UP THAT FOOT-TAPPING HABIT?

TAP TAP TAP . . . .

TAP-TAP-TAP

BEHOLD THE ANCIENT MYSTICAL CROWN OF THE ACORN KINGS!

ACORN

MAY I, YOUR MAJESTY?

PLEASE DO...

ACORN

THE FREEDOM EMERALDS ARE BACK WHERE THEY BELONG! AND WHILE I RULE, THEIR MAGIC WILL BE USED TO DESTROY ROBOTNIK'S MACHINERY AND RETURN MOBIUS TO THE BEAUTIFUL PLANET IT WAS!

ACORN

RIGHT ON, SALLY!

SMEK!

JUST A DAD-BLAMED MINUTE HERE!

THE END

I WANT TO REGISTER A COMPLAINT! HELLO? ...IS THIS THING ON?...

TAP! TAP! TAP!

I'VE WAITED TWENTY-ONE PAGES FOR MY BIG SCENE AND WHAT DO I GET?... ZIPPO! NADA! GOOSE EGG!

ME! THE GREAT *IVO ROBOTNIK!* VALEDICTORIAN OF THE "MOJO KUBERT SCHOOL OF SUPER-VILLAINS!"

DIPLOMA

A FULL LENGTH, FOUR-PART SAGA AND I MAKE ONE LOUSY CAMEO ON A TINY T.V. SCREEN?... IT'S AN OUTRAGE!!

SSSSS

I'LL SHOW YOU! I WILL AVENGE THIS HUMILIATION!

PREPARE YOURSELF... NEXT ISSUE, DR. ROBOTNIK WILL BE TAKING *NO PRISONERS!*

NOW?

NOW!

THE END!

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PROLOG...

SNAP! GIVE UP, HEDGEHOG!

SNAP!

SNAP!

WHOA!! ROBOTNIK'S CRABS CHASED ME RIGHT TO THE EDGE!

SCREEEEEEEECH!

WHAT I'M *GIVING* IS FAT LIPS!... C'MON, PUT UP YOUR DUKES... ER... CLAWS... UMM... WHATEVER!

YOU DISTRACTED HIM PERFECTLY!

THANK YOU, MASTER!

ROBOTNIK SNUCK UP FROM BEHIND!

SNAP!

CHONK

UH-OH!

OOFAH!

WHAM!

OH, MY ACHIN' SPINES!... WATCH THAT LAST STEP! IT'S A LULU!

YOW! I'M REALLY DIZZY! I'D SURE LIKE TO REDO THESE LAST FEW MINUTES!

FLOP!

YEAH...THAT'S IT... GO BACK IN TIME... REARRANGE HISTORY... I CAN SEE IT ALL NOW...

UNCLE CHUCK'S CHILI DOGS

MUTTSKI

CALENDAR

?

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IN SONIC FLASHBACK!

-OR- WHAT IF SONIC AND ROBOTNIK WERE KIDS TOGETHER...

PART I

IS DESTROYING MY BEAUTIFUL CRABS!

SMASH!

BASH!

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK, ROBOTNIK!

DASH!

QUASH!

TRASH!

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CURSE YOU, SONIC! ONE OF THESE DAYS I'LL CATCH YOU AND USE MY ROBO-MACHINE TO TURN YOU INTO A ROBOT!... CURSE YOU AND YOUR *UNCLE CHUCK!*

HMM?

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UNCLE CHUCK!...THE GUY WHO INADVERTENTLY CREATED THE SITUATION ON MOBIUS!--
-- AND WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MY ORIGIN!
-- AND WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ROBOTNIK'S ORIGIN!
I REMEMBER IT WELL...

I WAS JUST A KID... UNCLE CHUCK WAS WORKING IN THE BARN... HE WAS AN INVENTOR...
BY GEORGE... I THINK I'VE DONE IT!
WHANG!
KLUNK!
SMEK!

I'VE CREATED THE FIRST *MAGICAL RING!* IT'LL ENHANCE MY NEPHEW SONIC'S POWERS!

NOW THAT I KNOW HOW, IT'LL BE NO PROBLEM TO MAKE A HUNDRED--
EH? SONIC!
UNCLE CHUCK! UNCLE CHUCK!

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UNCLE CHUCK-- LITTLE ROBOTNIK'S BEING MEAN TO ME AND--

...WOW! WHAT'S THAT?

IT'S A MAGIC RING, M'BOY!...

...BUT MORE ABOUT THAT LATER! WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM WITH ROBOTNIK?

HE'S A FAT LITTLE CREEP! THAT'S MY PROBLEM!

NOW, NOW! WHAT HAVE I TOLD YOU ABOUT CALLING PEOPLE BAD NAMES?

HE MAKES ME SO MAD, MY HEAD SPINS... ALL OF ME SPINS!

WZZZZZZZ...

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, YOUNG HEDGEHOG! I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE, LITTLE ROBOTNIK COMES FROM A BROKEN HOME!

YEAH, HE PROBABLY BROKE IT!

GRAB!

HE'S AN ORPHAN, SONIC! AND I'M TRYING TO HELP BY BRINGING HIM OUT TO OUR FARM EVERY FEW WEEKS... NOW CAN YOU TWO TRY TO GET ALONG?

I DID TRY! BUT ALL HE WANTS TO DO IS BUILD TINY MECHANICAL TOYS THAT DO ANYTHING HE SAYS!

TODAY THE BARNYARD... TOMORROW THE WORLD!

WORKSHOP

YES, MASTER!

COME ON NOW, YOU TWO! I WANT BOTH OF YOU TO BE GOOD FRIENDS!

Hmf!

NO WAY! I *HATE* HEDGEHOGS!

YOU KNUCKLE-HEAD! UNCLE CHUCK--THE GUY BEING SO NICE TO YOU--*IS* A HEDGEHOG!

OKAY THEN, I JUST HATE ONE HEDGEHOG--**YOU!**

BOYS, BOYS!

FORGET HIM, UNCLE CHUCK! I'M GONNA PRACTICE RUNNING! SOME DAY, I'LL BE THE FASTEST THING ON THE WHOLE PLANET MOBIUS!

OOOOF!

YOU JUST MAY BE, SONIC!

VA-VA-VAROOOOM!

HE DIDN'T MEAN ANY HARM, ROBBY! WHY DON'T YOU PICK UP YOUR TOYS WHILE I PUT THE TRACTOR AWAY...

I'D LIKE TO PUT THAT *SONIC* AWAY!

HMM... SHOULD I TELL THE OLD COOT THAT I TOOK A FEW PIECES OF THE STEERING MECHANISM AND BRAKES FOR MY MECHANICAL MEN? NAHH!

♫...

WORKS

KVUM-chug-chug-chug-

REPEAT AFTER ME, MEN... "I HATE HEDGEHOGS!"

I-HEDGE-HATEHOGS!

NO, NO...

TOOLS

OH NO! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE STEERING? I'M *OUT OF CONTROL!*

AND THERE ARE NO BRAKES! *LOOK OUT*, ROBBY!

ZiP!

YAAAA!

KA-BASH!

UNCLE CHUCK!...ROBOTNIK!...WHAT'S ALL THE SCREAMING ABOUT...?

gasp!

WORKSHOP

I-HOG-HEDGE-HATES...

SCREEECH

END OF PART I (7)

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IN SONIC FLASHBACK!

PART II

...TO UNCLE CHUCK! COME IN, UNCLE CHUCK! ARE YOU OKAY?

OH, MAN! BOTH HE AND ROBOTNIK ARE REALLY BADLY HURT!

MASTER!

GOSH! WHAT AM I GONNA DO? I'D HAVE TO BE A *MAGICIAN* TO GET THEM TO THE HOSPITAL IN TIME!...

WAIT A SECOND! *MAGICIAN!* UNCLE CHUCK SAID THAT RING HE MADE WAS *MAGIC!*

ZOOM!

I SURE HOPE SO... OH, MAGIC RING, PLEASE GRANT ME THE POWER TO HELP UNCLE CHUCK AND ROBOTNIK!

I FEEL ALL TINGLY! NOT ONLY THAT... BUT I FEEL *FAST!* FASTER THAN EVER BEFORE!

...FAST ENOUGH TO WHEEL THEM TO THE HOSPITAL IN RECORD TIME!

30 MILES

SHROOOOM!

SOON...

BECAUSE YOU GOT THEM HERE SO QUICKLY, UNCLE CHUCK AND ROBOTNIK ARE GOING TO BE FINE!

WHOO!

HE TRAVELED 30 MILES IN SECONDS!

THAT LITTLE HEDGEHOG MUST BE MAGIC!

EMERGENCY ROOM

LATER, BACK AT THE FARM...

SONIC, YOU WERE RESOURCEFUL AND UNSELFISH! YOU SAVED US BOTH!

AW, SHUCKS! T' WEREN'T NOTHIN'!

NOTHING? YOU ALMOST RAN ME OVER! YOU CRAZY, OLD COOT!

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PLEASE FORGIVE MY MASTER! HE MEANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR REMOVING THE STEERING MECHANISM AND BRAKE PADS!

SHH!

IXNAY!

WHAT?!

SHUT UP, YOU BLABBY LITTLE BUCKET OF BOLTS!

IS THIS TRUE, ROBBY?

PUNT!

SO WHAT IF IT IS, FUZZFACE?! MY ROBOTS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR OLD TRACTOR!

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH! YOU ARE CONFINED TO YOUR ROOM! GO!!!

POOR LITTLE MISGUIDED YOUTH... I HOPE I WASN'T TOO HARD ON HIM!

NO WAY, UNCLE CHUCK!

BY THE WAY, I USED THAT MAGIC RING AND IT HELPED ME RUN FASTER! I HOPE THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM!

NOT AT ALL, SONIC! THEY'RE EASY TO MAKE... COME INTO THE BARN-- I'LL SHOW YOU!

AHH... LOTS OF HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES FOR ME TO CONSTRUCT MY *REVENGE!*

LATER...
SEE HOW SIMPLE?
WHANG!
NOT REALLY, UNCLE CHUCK... BUT I'M GLAD YOU DO!
BLONG!
WELL, THAT'S AN EVEN HUNDRED! CARE TO TAKE A BREAK?
GOOD IDEA, SONIC! MAKING MAGIC IS HARD WORK!
C'MON INTO THE KITCHEN-- I'LL WHIP YOU UP A CHILI DOG!
CRASH!
OMIGOSH!
LOOK!!!
ROBBY'S BUILT SOME KIND OF MECHANICAL MONSTER FROM ALL THE MACHINES INSIDE THE HOUSE!
AND IT'S COMING THIS WAY!
FORWARD, MY BEAUTY! GRAB UNCLE CHUCK!
YES, MASTER!
CLIK
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TEN BONUS POINTS IF YOU STOMP SONIC ON THE WAY!

YES, MASTER!

RUN, MY BOY!

BUT, UNCLE CHUCK...

VOOOOO

CLIK-CLIK-CLIK-CLIK!

DON'T ARRRRGUE WITH ME... *RUN!!*

HA HAAAAAA! BRING THE OLD HOSER THIS WAY!

SNUCK!

OH NO!

ZOOP!

YES, MASTER...

OW!

OLD *HOSER*? THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!

WE'LL DROP HIM OFF THE NEAREST CLIFF!

I'LL GRAB THIS OLD GARDEN HOSE!

VOOM!

AND WRAP IT AROUND THE BEASTIE'S LEGS AT SUPERSONIC SPEED!

UH-OH, MASTER...

UH-OH WHAT?

UH-OH!

ZOOM!

Whirl

whirl

Whirl

whirl

Whirl

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WAY TO GO, SONIC!

I GOT YOU, UNCLE CHUCK!

KTOOOOOOM!

BLONK!

FWONG!

NO...NOOOO! ALL MY BEAUTIFUL WICKEDNESS!

SMUNCH!

THAT'S THE LAST WE'LL SEE OF ROBOTNIK!

I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS!

HMM?...HUH? OH! WHAT A *DREAM*!...

I WOULDN'T BE TOO SURE OF THAT, NEPHEW!

I'LL GET YOU, SONIC!

I'LL GET YOU, SONIC!

YIPE! THAT FIRE-BALL IS NO DREAM!

HST!

BWANG!

HOLD STILL, YOU MISERABLE LITTLE PORKER!

SHEESH! ROBOTNIK SURE WAS A CRABBY KID IN MY DREAM AND A GRUMPY ADULT IN REALITY! WHICH DO YOU PREFER?-- *NEITHER*?... ME, TOO!

ZOOOSH!

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The End

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IN WHY ASK SPY?

PART I

FRONT AND CENTER!

THAT'S ME! FASTER THAN A LAWYER CHASING AN AMBULANCE AND COOLER THAN THE OTHER SIDE OF YOUR PILLOW!

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GEE, IT TOOK YOU 5.2 SECONDS TO GET HERE... YOU MUST BE SLOWING DOWN...

WELL... I STOPPED AND MADE A CHILI DOG ON THE WAY!

CRANK!

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? HAS ANTOINE BAKED ANOTHER ONE OF HIS AWFUL CASSEROLES?

NO! WE HAVE A VERY SCARY SITUATION ON OUR HANDS, SONIC!

ROTOR HAS TURNED INTO A ***ROBOT!!!***

YOW!!!

Snarl!

STAND BACK, SAL! I'LL HANDLE THIS! ROBOTNIK MUST'VE GOTTEN TO HIM! AH, ROTOR...WE HARDLY KNEW YE!...

Snawt!

WZZZZZZZ

Tee Hee Hee Hee Hee!

HUH?!? WHAT'S SO FUNNY?

HAW HAW! YUK-YUK-YUK!

ROTOR'S NOT REALLY A ROBOT AT ALL!

IT'S JUST A CLIP-ON JAW AND SWIRLY CONTACT LENSES THAT MADE ME LOOK LIKE ONE!

OH...Heh Heh...YEAH, SURE!...: Chuckle: I KNEW IT ALL THE TIME!

SURE YOU DID! ANYWAY, HERE'S THE PLAN... GO AHEAD ROTOR!

HOLD STILL, SONIC!

HEY! OW! EASY ON THE MERCHANDISE!

PERFECT!

WHOA! THESE CONTACTS! WHERE AM I?...

NOT BAD IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF!

AH... NOW IT'S COMING INTO FOCUS ... NICE WORK, ROTOR!

THANKS!

AND OUR SCHEME SHOULD ALSO BE COMING INTO FOCUS!

HERE'S HOW IT'S GOING TO GO DOWN... WE Hmmm BZZZZ WSPP - ROBOTNIK... Hsssh...YOU... Wsssh...

OH YEAH... OH YEAH! IT'LL WORK!

A SHORT TIME LATER, IN THE GREAT FOREST...

MUST... KILL... SALLY...

HELP! SAVE ME, TAILS!

IT'S PRINCESS SALLY BEING CHASED BY OH NO! IT CAN'T BE!!

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IS !gasp! A ROBOT!

SAD BUT TRUE!

HMM...TWO LIVE CREATURES... I AM NOT PROGRAMMED FOR THIS!

I SHALL REPORT BACK TO MY MASTER, DR. ROBOTNIK!

OH, TAILS! YOU SAVED ME!

I DID? errr... I MEAN-- I DID!

VA-ROOOM!

YES...AND I KNOW I CAN TRUST YOU TO KEEP THIS LITTLE INCIDENT OUR SECRET... RIGHT?

HMM...HUH? OH...SURE!

LATER...

EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT! SONIC GOES MECHANICAL! TAILS SAVES PRINCESS FROM RENEGADE ROBOT! NETWORKS VIE FOR MOVIE RIGHTS!

VANITY PRESS NEWS STAND

TAILS A HERO!

I'LL TAKE ONE OF THOSE, YOU FOOLISH LITTLE FOX!

BUZZBOMBER!! HEY!.. THAT'LL BE TWO BITS!

SWOOP...

GRAB!

NEWS

VANITY PRESS TAILS A HERO!

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DR. ROBOTNIK WILL THANK ME FOR THIS! PERHAPS I'LL GET A SOFT DESK JOB REJECTING ENVIRONMENTAL FORMS!

TAILS AHEAD

MASTER! I HAVE NEWS OF SONIC!

BIG DEAL!

BZZZZZZ

TAILS AHEAD

I HAVE THE HEDGEHOG HIMSELF!

WHAT? BUT HOW-?

I FELL INTO ONE OF THE MASTER'S *ROBOT-MAKERS*, CLEVERLY DISGUISED AS A ROBOT-MAKER!

BAP!

NO

SPEAKING OF DISGUISES, YOUR ROTUNDITY... HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THAT THIS MAY BE A TRICK?

OF COURSE, YOU IDIOT!

BLAP!

NO

WHICH IS WHY I'M ABOUT TO TEST SONIC'S LOYALTY BY HAVING HIM TELL ME WHERE KNOTHOLE VILLAGE IS SO I CAN DESTROY IT!

WELL, HEDGEHOG...

ULP! I... UM... YES, MASTER!

NO

END OF PART I

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

IN WHY ASK SPY? PART II

IF YOU ARE A TRUE ROBOT, YOU WILL OBEY! NOW TELL ME THE LOCATION OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE AT ONCE!

HE'S STALLING, MASTER!

HOMINA - HOMINA - HOMINA...

NO

NO

NO

NO

KLANG! DANG!

WHAT'S THIS? THE ALARM'S GOING OFF!

THERE MUST BE A DISTURBANCE IN ONE OF THE FACTORIES!

WHOOO... JUST IN TIME!

BLANG!

NO

EGAD! SOMETHING'S WRONG AT THE CRAB COMPOUND!

I'LL SEND A BUZZBOMBER SQUADRON TO INVESTIGATE!

WHY BOTHER?

I CAN BE THERE FASTER AND GET THE JOB DONE BETTER, OH OVAL ONE!

HMMM...

YOU-- BETTER? WHY I'LL...

LET HIM GO, BUZZBOMBER! IT WILL PROVE HIS LOYALTY... THERE'S QUITE A SURPRISE AWAITING SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AT THE CRAB COMPOUND!

ZOOM!

HERE COMES SONIC NOW, ANTOINE...

YES... WHO ELSE WOULD MAKE SUCH A FLAMBOYANT ENTRANCE?

CRAB COMPOUND

HIYA, SALLY! YOU SET OFF THE ALARM IN THE NICK OF... OOPS!

YOU STOPPED SO FAST, YOUR FAKE JAW FLEW OFF!

OW!

SCREEEEEEEE

MY, MY! WHAT AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT!

I'M SURE!

JUST-GET-IT-OFFAME!

ROBOTNIK WAS A LITTLE SUSPICIOUS, BUT I FAST-TALKED MY WAY OUT OF IT!

GOOD! THEN WE CAN PROCEED WITH THE PLAN!

OOOOOOOh...

YES! I'LL BLOW UP THIS CRAB COMPOUND! SEE YOU BACK AT KNOTHOLE!

OKAY... C'MON ANTOINE!

I DESERVE THE PURPLE HEART...OR AT LEAST THE LAVENDER LIVER!

CRAB COMPOUND

AHH... THE FRONT DOOR'S OPEN! NOW I'LL JUST... gasp!

CRAB MPOUND

POP! POP!

IT'S MY UNCLE CHUCK! SO THIS IS WHERE ROBOTNIK FORCED HIM TO WORK AFTER TURNING HIM INTO A ROBOT! *

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* YOU SAW IT HAPPEN IN ISSUE # 0... -DARYL-

CRAB LEGS

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UNCLE CHUCK!... UNCLE CHUCK, IT'S ME... SONIC!

I-MUST-MEET-MY QUOTA... ASSEMBLE 75,000,000 CRABMEATS!

SNAP OUT OF IT! I CAN TAKE YOU AWAY FROM HERE!

NOT-ALLOWED-TO-REST! I-WILL-CALL-MUTTSKI!

MUTTSKI'S HERE, TOO? OH WOW! I'D LOVE TO SEE MY DOG!

MUTTSKI! MY OLD PAL! C'MERE, AND GIVE ME A GREAT BIG KISS!

48,752,185...

snarl...

ROWR!

MUTTSKI! YOU'RE A ROBOT, TOO!

SNAP!

48,752,186...

BWANG!!

SNAWT!

HEEL, BOY! CUT IT OUT! UNCLE CHUCK! MAKE HIM STOP!

ALL-HAIL-ROBOTNIK!

SNAP! SNAP! SNAP!

ROBOTNIK!--THAT CREEP'S RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS!

PAYBACK TIME!

VOOM!

I CAN'T BLOW UP THE FACTORY THAT MY UNCLE AND DOG WORK IN, BUT...

HERE HE COMES BUZZ-BOMBER!

WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM, SONIC?

UNCLE CHUCK ATTEMPTED TO TAKE AN UNAUTHORIZED COFFEE BREAK... I-- CORRECTED HIM, SIR!

SALUTE!

ERT!

EXCELLENT! AND NOW... KNOTHOLE! TYPE THE LOCATION INTO THE COMPUTER AND LAUNCH THE MISSILE, BLOWING IT TO BITS!

AT ONCE, YOUR BLUBBERNESS!

BOM ZAWAY

I HATE MONDAYS

READY-SET-BLOW!

I HOPE WE CAN HEAR THE EXPLOSION!

NO

:chuckle:

WHA-BOOOM!!!

EH?

I CAN GUARANTEE THAT!

GADZOOKS! HE MADE THE BOMB FALL ON MY LARGEST FACTORY!

OH, NO! THE ONE WHERE THE BUZZBOMBERS ARE MADE!

HE'S NO ROBOT! HE'S TRICKED ME! HE'S REALLY SONIC THE EEEYOW!!

KLAMP!

NOT SONIC THE EEEYOW! SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

OUCH! OOOCH! EEECH!

SAY IT WITH ME, GANG... "GLAD TO SEE ROBOTNIK GET IT IN THE END!"

OH, THE INHUMANITY!...

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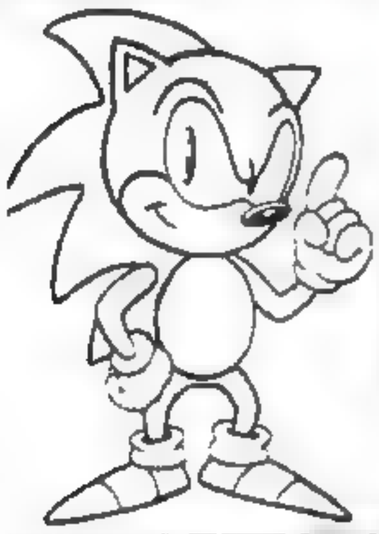

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

IN

MEET ME AT THE CORNER OF HEDGEHOG & VINE!

PART I

YOU'VE RUINED MY EVIL SCHEMES FOR THE LAST TIME!

YANK!

HA!

SNAP!

ZIP!

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SPECIAL THANKS TO BOB HARRIS AND SUSAN REYES AT SEGA OF AMERICA

YOU AND YOUR FREEDOM FIGHTER FRIENDS HAVE DESTROYED MY ROBOT MAKERS AND FOILED MY FOUL FLANS... er... PLANS!

DO IT, OH CIRCULAR ONE! DO IT!

NOW YOU PAY THE PRICE!

SWOOSH...

POW!

WHEE!

: grumble : HOW PATHETIC! ME, THE GREAT IVO ROBOTNIK, REDUCED TO HITTING A PIÑATA MADE TO LOOK LIKE MY SWORN ENEMY!

OH, BUT IT'S SO GOOD, MASTER! TRY ONE OF THESE CARAMEL CREAMS!

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SWATBOT #693-47892 REPORTING!

FOR YOU, OH KEEPER OF THE BLUBBER!

A *PLANT?!* YOU HAVE THE NERVE TO BRING ME A PLANT?!

UH-OH...

YOU WORTHLESS BUCKET OF BOLTS! YOU KNOW MY RULES! NO *SINGING*, *LAUGHING*, *READING*, *CUTE ANIMALS*, *DANCING*... AND MOST OF ALL... *NO PLANTS!!!*

WHANG! BLANG! KLANG!

BUT...

MASTER...THE PLANT IS NOT ORGANIC! IT'S MECHANICAL! I CALL IT... KRUDZU!

WOTZAT?

BZZT... CLICK... WHIRRR...

LOOK!

GADZOOKS! IT'S TRUE! IT'S A *MACHINE!*

HAIL, ROBOTNIK!

ULP! AND A SCARY ONE AT THAT!

YIKES! IT GROWS SO FAST! IT'S GOT ME TRAPPED! *HELP!*

A MOST INTERESTING CONCEPT! HOW CAN I USE *KRUDZU* AGAINST SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS?

BY HAVING THIS CUSTOMIZED BURROBOT SEED THE GREAT FOREST, YOUR LARDNESS!

KCCCK...

YUM!

CLANK-CLANK...

OBSERVE HOW HE DIGS A TRENCH WHILE SPREADING THE SEEDS OF DESTRUCTION!

A WONDERFULLY SINISTER PLAN!

ZIP!

ZIP!

ZING!

ZING!

CLANK-CLANK-CLANK

CHOPITA-CHOPITA-CHOP!!!

ONE THAT ONLY *I* COULD HAVE CONCEIVED OF! ISN'T THAT RIGHT, BURROBOT?... OR DO YOU WANT TO BE PROMOTED TO THE SPARE PARTS DEPARTMENT, TOO?

Y-YESSIR...N-N-NOSSIR... WHATEVER YOU SAY!

SALUTE!

ROBOT DISPOSAL

CRUNCH! MANGLE!

MEANWHILE, IN THE SECRET UNDERGROUND VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE...

:sigh: PRINCESS SALLY IS DISCUSSING STRATEGY WITH SONIC INSTEAD OF ME, *ANTOINE D'COOLETTE*, MILITARY LEADER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

I DUNNO, SAL... MAYBE JUST AN ALUMINUM FRAME...

I THOUGHT IT WOULD LOOK NICE DOUBLE-MATTED!

ROBOTROPOLIS

LAKE ALICE

GREAT FOREST

KNOTHOLE

I'M SO JEALOUS! WHY DOESN'T SHE EVER NOTICE ME?

LET'S ASK ANTOINE... *ANT!... ANT!*

HE'S LOST IN HIS THOUGHTS... AND BROTHER, THAT'S *LOST!*

:groan: PERHAPS I TREAT HER TOO FORMALLY... MAYBE I NEED TO APPEAL TO HER FEMININE SIDE!

10 FEET TO SURFACE

LEAVING KNOTHOLE

CARDS? CANDY?... *FLOWERS!* THAT'S IT! I'LL PICK HER A LOVELY BOUQUET!

SOMETHING UNUSUAL... AH! THERE'S A UNIQUE-LOOKING BIT OF FLORA...

YOU'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT HOW UNIQUE, 'T WAN!

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AIEEEEEE!!!ooo

OMIGOSH! DID YOU HEAR THAT?

YEAH! IT CAME FROM UP ABOVE!

C'MON, SALLY! IT'S ABOUT TIME I GOT TO SHOW MY STUFF... THIS COMIC BOOK'S STILL CALLED "*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG*", ISN'T IT?...

ZOOM...

HI HO, HI HO, IT'S UP TO THE WOODS WE GO!

BOING!!!

:gasp:

LOOK!

YOW! SOME HORRIBLE PLANT HAS ENTWANED ANTWINE... er... ENTWOINED TWINWAN...UM... ANTOWINGWANG... I MEAN-*GRABBED HIM!*

GO BACK! SAVE YOUR-SELVES! I'M *DOOMED!*

END OF PART 1

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

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MEET ME AT THE CORNER OF HEDGEHOG & VINE!

PART II

NEVER DESERTS A FRIEND IN NEED! BUT SINCE THERE'S NONE AROUND RIGHT NOW, I MIGHT AS WELL HELP YOU!

GEE... WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SENTIMENT!

TWANG!

A *SONIC SPIN!*... BE CAREFUL!

CHILL, 'TWAN!

HURRY, SONIC! THIS WEIRD PLANT IS ALL OVER THE PLACE!

HIYA, TOOTS!

SLICE

OKAY, I'VE GOT THE ANT-MAN! LET'S GET HIM BACK TO KNOTHOLE!

YES... AND QUICKLY BEFORE THESE PLANTS FOLLOW US DOWN!

SWOT!

OOFAH!

SLAM!

OUCH!

SOON:

BOOMER! YOU'VE GOT TO HELP US GET ANTOINE FREE OF THIS BIZARRE VINE HE'S WRAPPED UP IN!

OH, IS THAT IT? I THOUGHT HE WAS MAKING A RADICAL FASHION STATEMENT!

THIS IS SERIOUS, BIG GUY!

SONIC'S RIGHT! WHATEVER THIS THING IS, IT'S TAKING OVER THE GREAT FOREST!

HMM...

GOOD THING I'VE GOT MY CHAINSAW HANDY!

Shriek!

BWAAA!

I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TRIM THAT TABLE EVER SINCE I BUILT IT!

THE POOR DEAR... HE FAINTED!

BOOMER HAD ME FOOLED! HOW 'BOUT YOU?

NOW I CAN GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO ANT SO I CAN PULL THIS THING OFF OF HIM! GIVE ME A HAND, GUYS!

YANK! PULL! WREST!

THAT'S IT! TOSS THE PLANT INTO THAT BUCKET OVER THERE!

RIGHT!

OKAY!

SPLAT!

HE'S LOOSE! LET'S WALK HIM AROUND!

OOOOG... I FEEL DIZZY... WEAK... CONFUSED...

ANTOINE...

GOOD, HE'S BACK TO NORMAL!

OH, WOW! SOMEBODY BROUGHT IN A BUCKET OF CUTTINGS!

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BUT THEY'RE SO *DRY*! I'LL GIVE THEM A SOAKING!

SPLOSH!

TAILS!...NO!

EGAD! HE WATERED THAT THING!

NOW THAT IT'S NOURISHED, IT'LL GROW LIKE MAD!

SOON, IT'LL BE ALL OVER KNOTHOLE!

HERE WE GO AGAIN!

HMF! CATCH ME DOING A FAVOR FOR THEM AGAIN!

RUMBLE...

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MEANWHILE...

WONDERFUL... EXCELLENT! THE KRUDZU HAS ALMOST COMPLETELY ENGULFED THE GREAT FOREST!

SEE THE GREAT FOREST 25¢

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WHEN THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS EMERGE FROM THE FOREST, THEY'LL BE ATTACKED BY A SQUADRON OF *BUZZBOMBERS!*

OOOPS!

AND IF THEY STAY IN THE WOODS, KRUDZU WILL SMOTHER THEM! EITHER WAY, SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS *PERISH!* *HOO HA HEE HEE HAA--*

EEEEK!

SORRY... SOMETIMES I'M SO *EVIL*, I EVEN SCARE MYSELF!

BLUSH!

AT THAT MOMENT:

BZOT!

CRACKLE!

VSSK!

ZRAP!

SHEESH! IS IT DONE?

I'LL SAY... AND WHAT A *STENCH!*... SMELLS LIKE AN *ELECTRICAL FIRE!*

toot

honk!

plip!

ELECTRIC... SAY! THAT JUST MAY BE THE ANSWER WE'RE LOOKING FOR!

?

?

?

AHA! JUST AS I THOUGHT! THIS THING ISN'T ORGANIC! IT'S *MECHANICAL!*

HUH?

TECHNOLOGY ON THE *CUTTING* EDGE!

THAT'S WHY IT EXPLODED WHEN *TAILS* WATERED IT! IT SHORT-CIRCUITED!

AN ELECTRONIC VINE! THAT CAN ONLY MEAN...

Robotnik!

AH, YA FADDAH'S MUSTACHE!

OKAY THEN... THIS WILL REQUIRE AN AMAZING FEAT OF SPEED AND SKILL... I'LL NEED A 5,000-FOOT GARDEN HOSE...

THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY, SONIC!

WHAT? BUT I'M THE *STAR!* I HAVE TO SAVE THE DAY!

MOTHER NATURE'S GONNA DO IT FOR US... READ HIM THE WEATHER REPORT, TAILS!

CLOUDY WITH A 95% CHANCE OF SEVERE THUNDER-STORMS!

YOU MEAN...

EXACTLY! ANY SECOND NOW, WE SHOULD HEAR THAT SWEET SOUND!

SKRAKA-BABOOOM!!

BZZT

HMMM

POP!

FZZZ!

BUT MASTER, ALL I DID WAS *SEED* THE GREAT FOREST!

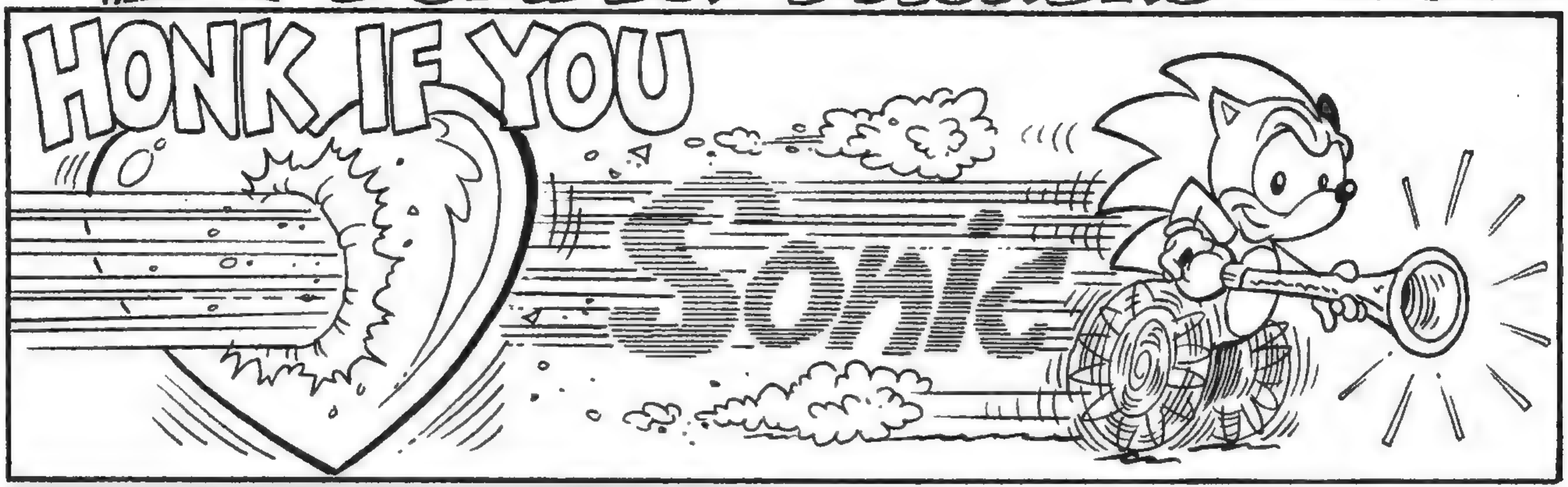
ROBOT DISPOSAL

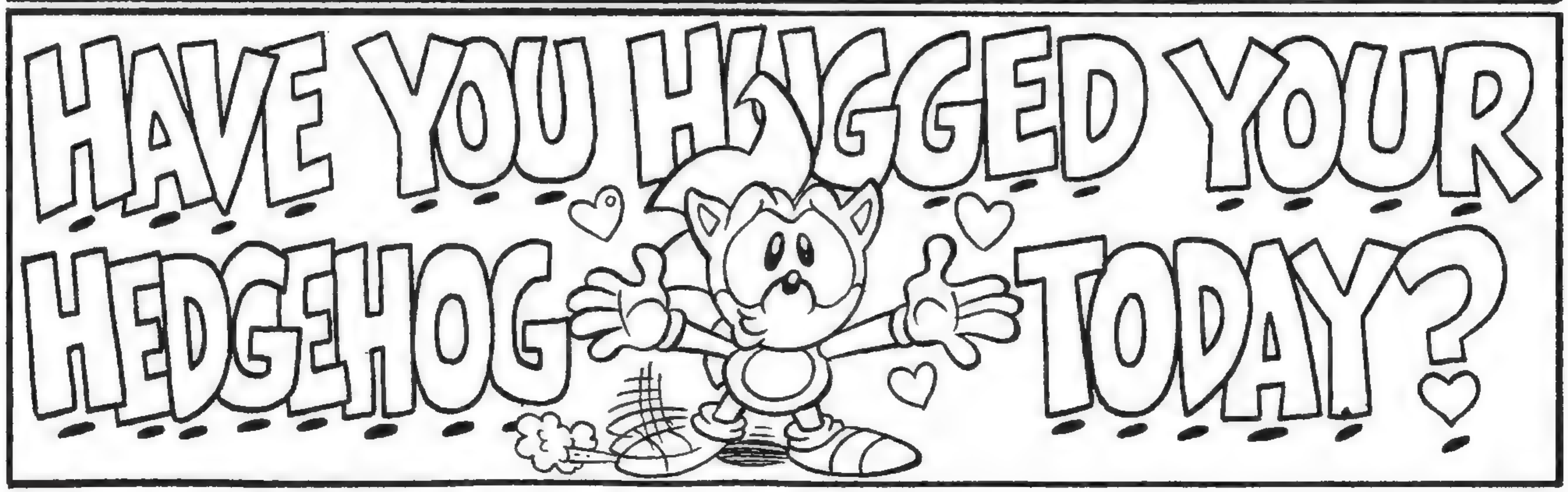
I'VE *SEED* WHAT YOU'VE DONE... THAT'S WHY I'M PLANTING YOU IN THE *TRASH!*

The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG BUMPER STICKERS

CLIP AND TAPE TO YOUR FAMILY VEHICLE!





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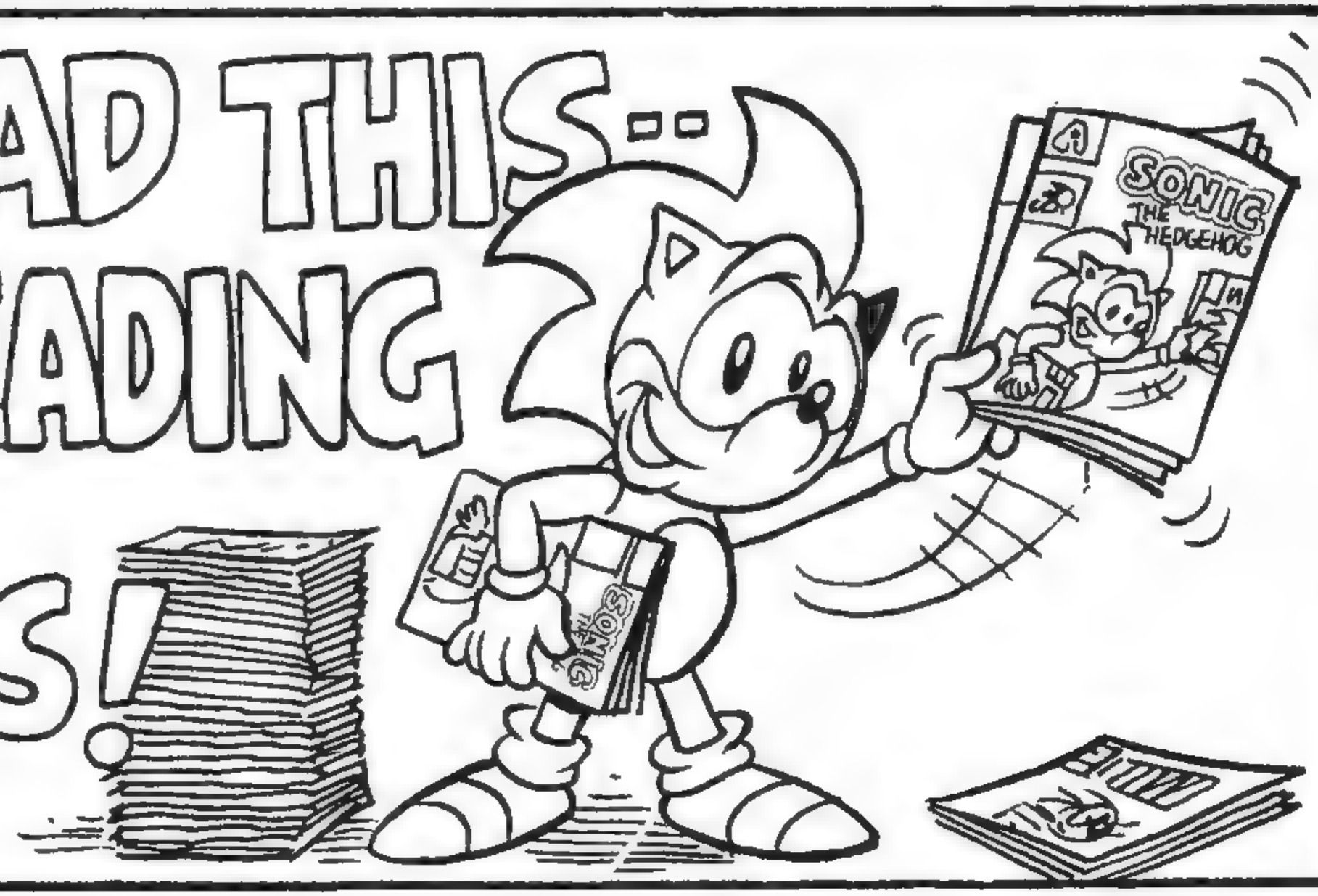

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN YOU BET MY LIFE! PART 1

IT'S OUR ONLY HOPE, *BOOMER!*

I AGREE, *PRINCESS SALLY!* DON'T YOU, *ANTOINE?*

I MUST ADMIT THAT *SONIC'S* OUR LAST CHANCE!... CALL HIM, *TAILS!*

WHY SHOULD I CALL HIM *TAILS?* THAT'S MY NAME!

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NEVER MIND... WE'LL DO IT TOGETHER...

SONIC!

WOW! THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS SOUND LIKE A GREEK CHORUS!... OF COURSE, WITH ANTOINE INCLUDED, IT'S MORE LIKE A *GEEK* CHORUS!

Whoosh!

WHAT'S THE TROUBLE? POLLUTION FROM ONE OF THE NEARBY ROBOT FACTORIES?

NO...

ACRES OF TREES IN THE GREAT FOREST BEING CHOPPED DOWN?

NO...

A CAVE-IN SOMEWHERE IN OUR SECRET UNDER-GROUND VILLAGE?

NO...

YOU FORGOT TO PROGRAM THE VCR?

NO!

ZOOM

ERT!

THEN WHY CALL ON ME TO MAKE SUCH A DRAMATIC ENTRANCE?

IT'S THIS MAP OF OUR PLANET MOBIUS... NONE OF US CAN GET IT TO FOLD UP RIGHT!

sigh: DID MIGHTY MOUSE REALLY START LIKE THIS?

WE WERE PINPOINTING A LOCATION WHERE THE EVIL DR. ROBOTNIK IS GOING TO MAKE A BIG SPEECH!

RIGHT HERE... IN THE *CASINO NIGHT ZONE!*

YIPE! THAT'S ONE SCARY PLACE!

ROBO-LOCATER

BUT THAT WON'T STOP ME!

HEY, KIDS! GET OUT YOUR SEGA GENESIS, PLUG IN "*SONIC 2*" AND GET ME TO THE *CASINO NIGHT ZONE!*

...OR YOU CAN JUST TURN THE PAGE!

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SOON...

WELL, WELL... I FINALLY FOUND SOMETHING THAT ROBOTNIK LOVES... *MONEY!*

WELCOME TO RENOBOTNIK

ROBO-CASINO

LUCKY 7

KENO

BINGO

ZEPPO

CARPS TABLE

CHING-CHA-CHING!

ZING!

DING!

BOOP!

FREE OIL WHILE YOU GAMBLE!

$100,

URP!

10-W 40

WAY PAST COOL!... THIS JOINT IS JUICIN'!

HIT ME...

BLINK!

AHA! JUST AS BOOMER SAID!

IN THE MAIN ROOM! IVO ROBOTNIK REVEALS HIS LATEST SINISTER INVENTION!

SHOWTIMES

TABLE FOR ONE, GARCON!

OH?... HMM... I DON'T SEE ONE, SIR... A-hem! koff... koff...

MEANWHILE, BACKSTAGE...

HOW'S THE HOUSE, SWATBOT?

ALMOST A SELLOUT, YOUR OVALITY!

ALMOST? I ORDERED THE THEATRE TO BE S.R.O.!*

BOP!

ULP! IT'S ONLY ONE EMPTY SEAT, MASTER!

NOK!

* STANDING ROOM ONLY OR IN THIS CASE - SONIC ROOM ONLY - DRAMA MAJOR DARYL...

AH, THAT'S BETTER! WHEN I DISPLAY MY LATEST INVENTION, THIS PLANET WILL BE MINE AT LAST...DESPITE THOSE ACCURSED FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

NO SPITTING ON STAGE! (EXCEPT ROBOTNIK!)

GADZOOKS! SPEAKING OF WHICH... IS THAT WHO I THINK IT IS AT THE ENTRANCE?

YES! IT'S SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! WELL, GOOD! HE CAN HELP ME DEMONSTRATE MY PROTOTYPE!

A-HEM!! Hrumph-koff-koff...DID YOU SAY "ONE" AS IN *ONE* DOLLAR? A-a-a-anum!

GET REAL, BUCKETHEAD... YOU WANT A TIP?... *CROSS AT THE GREEN, NOT-IN-BETWEEN!*

squawk!

Whirl... whirl... Whir...

ZOOM

ALL RIGHT! FRONT AND CENTER!

LADIES AND GENTLEBOTS!... LET'S HEAR IT FOR OUR FEARLESS, FLABBY LEADER... *ROBOTNIK!*

THANKEW! WOTTA CROWD! THE LAST PLACE I PLAYED WAS SO SMALL, THE DOUBLE 'A' BATTERIES WERE STOOP-SHOULDERED! BUT SERIOUSLY, FOLKS...

THIS IS MY MOST RECENT BADNIK... *ORBINAUT!* SEE HOW HIS MACEBALLS ALLOW HIM TO HOVER...

BEST OF ALL, THEY CAN BE LAUNCHED WITH DEADLY ACCURACY AT AN ENEMY!... FOR EXAMPLE, *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!*

fling!

NOK!

OW!

END of Part I

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HAS BEEN SUBDUED...

...AND IS READY TO GO, OH OBESE ONE!

YOU BET MY LIFE!

PART II

CASINO

EXCELLENT! PUT HIM IN THE MACHINE!

OOG... ANYBODY GET THE 1-800 NUMBER OF THAT TRUCK?

HE'S JAMMED SO TIGHT INSIDE THAT SUPER-THICK GLASS BALL, HE CAN'T MANEUVER! PERFECT FOR MY *GIANT PINBALL MACHINE!*

K-K-CHK...

HEY! WHOA! TIME OUT!

INSERT BALL ↑

UH-OH!
YMF! INERTIA WORKS!
SPLAT!
BOING!
CRACKLE!
YIPE! 20,000 VOLTS!
ZAP!
DING!
WHAT THE--?
CH-
CHING!
BWANG!
DOING!
BLAT!
CHING!
BOP!
gurgle...
FLIPPER
FLIPPER
HAW!
RULES NONE!
TWANG!

WOO-HA! I DON'T THINK I COULD LIVE THROUGH *THAT* ONE MORE TIME!

GOOD! THEN I'LL SEND YOU THROUGH A *DOZEN* MORE TIMES!

bonk!

SWATBOT! RE-INSERT THE HEDGEHOG!

MY LUMPY LORD! YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT SOMEONE WON FIFTY CENTS IN THE CASINO!

KLANK!

urgle-burgle.

WHAT?

DON'T THEY KNOW THE RULES?... "IF YOU TRY TO BEAT THE HOUSE THE HOUSE BEATS YOU-- WITH A HAMMER! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

HMMM...THIS COULD BE MY ONLY CHANCE!

IT'S TOO SNUG IN HERE FOR A *SONIC SPIN*, BUT IF I USE MY SPINES LIKE A GLASS CUTTER...

SKKKKK

SOON...

AH, YES... BUSINESS BEFORE PLEASURE! NOW...WHERE WERE WE?

YOU REQUESTED THE HEDGEHOG GO BACK INTO THE PINBALL MACHINE!

INSERT BALL

AH, BLOW IT OUT YOUR CIRCUIT BOARD, RUSTPOT!

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PREPARE FOR A PERILOUS, PUNISHING, PULSE-POUNDING AND PROFOUND PREDICAMENT BLUE PUNK!

WHO WRITES YOUR DIALOGUE? *AL LITERATION?*

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FLIPPER

TWANG... CRASH!

IT WORKED!

I'M FREE!

NOW I CAN GO INTO A SONIC SPIN AND BUST THIS THING UP BIGTIME!

GADZOOKS!!

KRUNCH! BASH! THWAP! MANGLE! BZZZT!

ORBINAUT! ATTACK" LITTLE PIG MAN!"

GIMME YOUR BEST SHOT, BADNIK!...

INSERT BALL?

...AND I'LL DEFLECT YOUR SHOTS TO WHERE THEY'LL DO THE MOST GOOD!

ZIP!

ZING!

BING!

GO!

MINUTES LATER...

OKAY... B AS IN "BOMB" -- I AS IN "INCONSPICUOUSLY PLACED" -- N AS IN "NINE SECONDS TO GO" -- G -- AS IN "GET TO A SAFE DISTANCE" -- AND O AS IN "OH BOY- HERE IT COMES" --

WELCOME TO RENOBOTNIK

ROBO-CASINO

SHOWS

ZOOSH!

THAT SPELLS "BINGO"!

BLAMMO!

BINGO!

NO... NOT BINGO... BLAMMO!!

I HATE THAT HEDGEHOG! ONE OF THESE DAYS HE'LL BE A PORK CHOP DINNER!

MMM... WITH BISCUITS 'N' GRAVY... AND SOME BLACK-EYED PEAS --

RICE PUDDING...

CANNOLIS...

BACK IN KNOTHOLE...

GREAT JOB, SONIC! THERE'S JUST ONE MORE THING...

OH, WHAT NOW? NOT ANOTHER MAP TO FOLD?

NO... BUT I'M HAVING A DEVIL OF A TIME WITH THIS *CHILD-PROOF CAP!!*

I'LL LAY YOU THREE TO ONE SONIC GETS THE CAP OFF IN FIVE SECONDS OR LESS!

SORRY -- I'M TOO YOUNG TO GAMBLE!

The End

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN I'D LIKE TO THANK...

WELCOME TO THE FIRST ANNUAL "ACORN AWARDS"!

HONORING THE BEST FREEDOM FIGHTERS ON THE PLANET MOBIUS!

LET'S GET TO IT... FOR "OUTSTANDING RESOURCEFULNESS AGAINST ROBOTNIKS SWATBOTS," THE WINNER IS...

...SONIC THE HEDGE-HUH?

ZOOM!!

THANK YOU!

...AND FOR "BEST PERFORMANCE DISGUISED AS A ROBOT", THE WINNER IS SON--EEP!

WHOOSH!!

YOU'RE TOO KIND!

FINALLY "BEST ALL AROUND FREEDOM FIGHTER-"

GOES TO S--

SHOOM!!

WHAT A SURPRISE!

WELL, THAT WAS A QUICK CEREMONY!

YEAH... YOU MIGHT SAY SONIC *RAN AWAY WITH IT!*

THE END

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG in KEEP LOOKING UP!

HERE'S AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM J.R. KINCAID OF VERO BEACH, FL...

Dear Sonic, At what speed do your legs disappear and become those blurry, spinning wheels? J.R.

GOOD QUESTION, J.R.! LET'S CHECK IT OUT!--I'LL START AT *ULTRA-SONIC* SPEED! HMM... LEGS STILL VISIBLE...

VA-VOOM

OKAY... I'LL MOVE TO *SUPER-SONIC!*

NOPE... NOT YET...

LET'S JUMP TO *TRANS-SONIC!*... OH, YEAH! NOW THEY'RE GETTING BLURRY...

TAK!

... AS A MATTER OF FACT, EVERYTHING LOOKS A LITTLE BLURRY...

The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG "IN" FAST FOOD!

GREETINGS, GOURMETS! TODAY I REVEAL MY SECRET RECIPE!

(CLIP & SAVE)

CHILI DOG
A LA SONIC

Brown 1 lb. ground beef-Add ½ cup each of chopped onions, peppers and mushrooms (brown lightly)-Add one Tablespoon Worcestershire-Add 1 large can of crushed tomatoes-Add 8 oz. Barbecue sauce - Simmer ½ hour -Add 1 teaspoon each of chili powder, cumin, oregano-Add 1 large can red kidney beans (drained) - Simmer 1 hour - Add hot dogs - Cook 15 minutes in sauce - Put on toasted roll- (melted cheese optional)

YUM! DEE-LISH! BUT I HEAR YOU OUT THERE! ...YOU'RE SAYING," THAT'S IT, SONIC? A RECIPE?.. I THOUGHT THIS WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A *FUNNY* COMIC BOOK!"

OH... HI, SALLY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT COCONUT CREAM PIE?

SHPLUNK!

WELL, I HOPE YOU'RE SATISFIED...

NOW, *THAT'S* FUNNY!

HAIR CUT

The End

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

IN TRIPLE TROUBLE!

PART I

YOU'LL NEVER SURVIVE MY LATEST INSIDIOUS PLOT!

OH, GOODY, DR. ROBOTNIK! I HOPE YOU'LL LET ME HELP DESTROY YOUR NEMESIS!

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YOU, CRABMEAT? YOU'VE DONE NOTHING BUT FAIL ME!...BOTH IN THE LIMITED SERIES AND THE ONGOING COMIC BOOK!

B-BUT YOUR BLUBBER-NESS!

ACTUALLY, THERE *IS* AN IMPORTANT ROLE YOU CAN PLAY!

HOORAY!

YOU MAY BE THE FIRST VICTIM OF MY NEW ROBOT-BADNIK...*COCONUTS!*

OOK! EEK! BOMBS AWAY!

Whiz...

KBOOM!

EEP! HE GAVE ME A BLOWN TO BIT PART!

GOOD SHOT, MY LITTLE MOTORIZED MONKEY! YOU'RE QUITE DEADLY WITH THOSE EXPLOD-ING COCONUTS.

YOU KNOW IT, DOK!

OFF YOU GO! AND DON'T COME BACK UNTIL YOU'VE SLAUGHTERED SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

PIECE O'CAKE!... *COCONUT* CUSTARD CAKE, THAT IS!

LATER THAT DAY...

C'MON, TAILS! PICK UP THE PACE! I'M WIDENING THE GAP BETWEEN US!

BA-DA-LA-MM-O!

WOW! YOU WEREN'T KIDDING ABOUT A GAP! HOW'D YOU DO THAT, SONIC?

I DIDN'T...

HE'S RIGHT... I DID!

LOOK OUT, TAILS! INCOMING!

BOING!

A BOMB! WHAT KIND OF MONKEY BUSINESS IS THIS?

THAT KIND OF MONKEY BUSINESS... LOOK!

POW!

A MECHANICAL MONKEY THREW AN EXPLODING COCONUT AT US!

DON'T SPEAK IN THE PAST TENSE, BLUE!...

...I'M STILL THROWING!

JUMP!

FWHAM!

HAW HAW HAW! I CAN SEE THE HEADLINES NOW..."CHIMP MAKES CHUMP OF HEDGEHOG!"

gasp!

GROWL...

WHY THAT SASSY LITTLE SIMIAN! C'MON, SONIC-- LET'S CHASE HIM!

NO! THAT'S JUST WHAT HE WANTS! WE'RE NOT PLAY-ING HIS GAME!

WZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ.....

WE'RE GONNA PLAY A DIFFERENT GAME... ONE I REMEMBER FROM MY CHILDHOOD... "MONKEY IN THE MIDDLE"!

OOK-EEK!

?

SOON...

WHERE'D SONIC GO? HE MUST BE SO SCARED OF ME, HE'S SHAKING IN HIS BOOTS!

WHOA! HE'S SHAKING ALL RIGHT... SHAKING THIS TREE!

RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE!

LOOK OUT BELOW!

NICE OF YOU TO *DROP* IN!

THUD!

SO... YOU GOT ME SURROUNDED, EH? WELL I DON'T GIVE UP SO EASILY... *CATCH, PUNK!*

DO IT, TAILS... *NOW!*

YES, SIR... ONE "SONIC SWIRL" COMING UP!

DINK!

HEY! WOT THE--?!

THE WIND BLEW THE COCONUT OVER TO ME!

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BACK AT YOU, TAILS!
OH NO--YOU TAKE IT!
BUT I INSIST!
PLEASE BE MY GUEST!
DONK!
NOK!
BOP!
TWANG!
STOP PLAYING VOLLEYBALL WITH MY COCONUT!
OKAY... YOU CAN HAVE IT!
TAP!
UH OH..
A WHILE LATER, BACK AT ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS...
THIS PACKAGE ARRIVED FOR YOU, OH JELLYBELLY!
A PRESENT? FOR ME?!
OH BOY! I HOPE WHOEVER SENT THIS KNOWS MY SIZE: XXXXXXXXL!
SHRED!
TEAR!
GADZOOKS! COCONUTS!... OR WHAT'S LEFT OF HIM!... YOU FAILED ME!
PUT ME BACK TOGETHER, MASTER... I'LL GET THAT HEDGEHOG!!
FORGET IT! THAT'S OUR JOB NOW!
YEAH!
END OF PART I
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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

IN "TRIPLE TROUBLE!"

...PART II...

MUST BE CRUSHED!

AND WE'RE JUST THE BADNIKS TO DO IT!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG ACTION FIGURE

CRUSH!

EXIT

INDEED YOU ARE MY PETS!... SCRATCH, THE ROBOT CHICKEN... LEADER OF THE S.S.S.S.S.S... SUPER SPECIAL SONIC SEARCH AND SMASH SQUAD! WITH YOUR NON-IDENTICAL TWIN, GROUNDER, YOU WILL SUCCEED!

INDEED, YOUR LARDNESS!

NOW GO! AND REMEMBER, I SHALL BE IN CONSTANT COMMUNICATION WITH YOU!

YES, OH OVERWEIGHT ONE!

EXIT

HEY! THE PHONE IN YOUR CHEST PLATE IS RINGING!

YOU ANSWER IT, SCRATCH!

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YO! DON'T BOTHER US! WE'RE ON A SPECIAL MISSION FOR THE EVIL DR. ROBOTNIK!

IDIOT!

THIS IS THE EVIL DR. ROBOTNIK! I JUST WANTED TO REEMPHASIZE THE *PRICE* YOU'LL PAY IF YOU FAIL ME!

SKRONK!

PRICE! AWWK! DON'T WE GET AN EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT?

C'MON, GROUNDER! WE'LL SHOW OL' BLUBBER BUTT THAT *I'M* THE BEST ROBOT HE EVER BUILT!

Ahem! YOU MEAN "WE"... WE! WE!

TO THE GREAT FOREST

YOU SHOULD'VE THOUGHT OF THAT BEFORE WE LEFT HEADQUARTERS!

NOW THEN, WE WANT TO LOOK FOR A DEEP TRENCH LEFT BY A ZOOMING SONIC...

LIKE- OOF! --THIS?

ZIP!

HOW TO TRACK A HEDGEHOG

THUD

GOOD WORK, GROUNDER!

=SIGH= ONLY THREE PAGES IN, AND ALREADY MY LIFE'S IN A RUT!

HOWEVER, MY CONICAL ARMS CAN TURN INTO ANY KIND OF MACHINE!

LET'S FOLLOW HIS TRAIL...

COME ON, I SAID!... LET'S GO! FOLLOW ME! HURRY UP!

YOU MUST BE A CHICKEN... BECAUSE YOU SURE KNOW HOW TO *HENPECK!*

WOW! TWO MORE MECHANICAL BEASTIES!

GOOD THING YOU LEFT THAT FALSE TRAIL!

YEAH... FOR ANYBODY DOPEY ENOUGH TO BUY THAT "HOW TO TRACK A HEDGEHOG" BOOK! YOU'D BETTER HEAD BACK TO KNOTHOLE, TAILS!

BUT WHY, SONIC?

- [ ] TO LET PRINCESS SALLY KNOW ABOUT THEM...
- [ ] BECAUSE I SAID SO...
- [ ] TO ALLOW THE ARTIST MORE ROOM TO DRAW...

*

AYE, AYE!

* YOU CHOOSE SONIC'S RESPONSE! - DETAILS DARYL!

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GO SLOW, BRO!

YEAH... THE TRENCH STOPS UP AHEAD...

HA! DOES HE THINK WE'RE STUPID ENOUGH TO FOLLOW IT OVER A SHEER CLIFF?

HMF!

DID YOU SAY "*SHEAR* THE CLIFF"? GLAD TO-- WITH A *SONIC SPIN!*

IT'S HIMSELF!

BZZRAK!

LUCKILY, I'LL BE ABLE TO SAVE MYSELF BY EXTENDING PARACHUTES OUT OF MY ARMS!

WELL, WHAT AM I?... CHOPPED LIVER?

WHAMBO!!!

DON'T-- SAY- IT...

I HAVE TO.. YOU LOOK LIKE CHOPPED CHICKEN LIVER!

GO BACK TO FLABOTNIK AND TELL HIM YOU LOST BIG TIME!

THIS GAME ISN'T OVER!

CLICK!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG... COME ON DOWN!

FIOOM!

YOW! HE SHOT A CABLE OUT OF... URK!

SNAG!

zing...

choke

LET'S SING OUR FAVORITE SONG... "THE YANKS ARE COMING!"

WHOUF!

HAW! MY PLAN WORKED PERFECTLY! I WILL NOW SUBDUE SONIC! ROBOTNIK WILL HONOR ME!

YOU?

YOU?

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YES-ME, YOU SAWED-OFF PENCIL SHARPENER! I'M GONNA GET THE GLORY FOR SONIC'S DEMISE!

IZZAT SO? AND HOW DO YOU PLAN TO DO THAT, HEN-HOUSE BREATH?

oog...

I THOUGHT I'D RATTLE HIS BRAIN BY PECKING HIM LIKE THIS!

Whappita-Whappita-Whappita-Whappack!

OW! OW! OW!

BY CONTRAST, I PLANNED TO RENDER HIM HELPLESS WITH A FACEFUL OF TEAR GAS... LIKE THIS!

FOOSH!

gack!

OH, YEAH? HOW 'BOUT THIS?

NOK!

OR THIS?

OW!

TAKE THAT!

WHY YOU--

POW!

CHEW ON THAT!

BOP!

NO FAIR BITING!

SMEK!

THIS IS TOO EASY!

HEADS UP, ROCK'EM SOCK'EM ROBOTS!

UH OH! THE HEDGEHOG'S RUNNING CIRCLES AROUND US!

WHAT'S HE UP TO?

VA-VA-VAROOM!

YIPE! WE'RE SURROUNDED BY A DEEP FISSURE!

A TRENCH! THAT'S F'SURE!

RUMBLE...

AND YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS...

I DO?

FROM M!

CAVE-IN! WE'RE TRAPPED!

AND WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT... THE PHONE'S RINGING!

I'LL GET IT!

I'M SORRY... THE BADNIKS YOU ARE TRYING TO REACH HAVE BEEN DISCONNECTED! HAVE A NICE DAY!

WHAT? IS THIS WHO I THINK IT IS?

I HATE THAT HEDGEHOG!

AAAARGH!

I'M A *SMOOTH OPERATOR* AND ROBOTNIK'S WORST HANG UP!

The End

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

IN THE BEGINNING!

DON'T THINK A CLEVER CARTOON CHARACTER LIKE ME JUST SPRANG OFF THE DRAWING BOARD!

OH NO! THERE WERE SEVERAL FALSE STARTS BEFORE EVERYONE AGREED ON "SONIC"... HERE'RE JUST A FEW...

CHRONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

OH, MY ACHIN' BACK!

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PHILHARMONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

I'M THE STAR! MY WAY OR THE HIGHWAY! WAHHH!

DUH!

MORONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

LET'S GROW PLANTS IN ZERO GRAVITY!

HISTRIONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

HYDROPONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

WOW... LIKE-- GROOVY, DADDY-O!

STEREOPHONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

THE END

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN VERTIGO A-GO GO!

BRINGING IN THE RINGS... BRINGING IN THE RINGS... WE SHALL COME REJOICING BRINGING IN THE RINGS!

MAGIC RINGS, THAT IS... TO HELP US DEFEAT ROBOTNIK!

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NOW THERE'S AN ODD CLUSTER OF RINGS! I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER SEEN ANY-THING LIKE THAT ON MOBIUS.

YIPE!

NEVER SAW A HIDDEN CAT-APULT LIKE THAT, EITHER!

TA-

WANG!

I'M BEING SHOT UP INTO A HOLE IN THE SKY...

QUICK! FLIP THE COMIC BOOK OR I'LL HIT YOU IN THE FACE!

Whew! THAT WAS CLOSE!

WOW, MAN... THIS IS LIKE--TUBULAR!

2

OOF!

THUD

THAT WAS NO GENTLE SPINAL TAP!

WHOO-HA! WHICH WAY IS UP?

INTERESTING-

-QUESTION!

HUH?... WHA--HEY! WHO ARE YOU TWO?

THE NAME'S VERTI CAL... CALL ME CAL!

AND I'M HORIZONT AL... CALL ME AL!

WAIT A SECOND! YOU'RE HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL? THEN THAT MEANS I'M...

FALLING!

IN-

ZIP

-DEED!

LET THIS BE A LESSON TO YOU, KIDS...
DON'T EVER DROP OUT!
YOU DIDN'T DROP OUT... YOU DROPPED IN!
HELP ME, AL!
HE'S CAL... I'M AL... GOT IT, PAL?
UH OH...
...I THINK I'M ABOUT TO "GET IT"!
SCRAPE!
OOCH!
OKAY, YOU TWO! I KNOW YOU'RE WORKING FOR ROBOTNIK! 'FESS UP OR I'LL LEVEL THIS PLACE WITH A SONIC SPIN!
RO-WHO-NIK?
NEVER HEARD OF HIM!
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OKAY, YOU ASKED FOR IT! WHOA! MY EQUALIBRIUM!

TSK-TSK!

BYE-BYE!

OH NO YOU DON'T! NOT THIS TIME!

GRAB!

YOU GUYS REALLY DON'T KNOW WHO ROBOTNIK IS, DO YOU?

IX-

NAY!

HMMM...

THEN THIS MUST BE AN UNKNOWN ZONE THAT I REACHED BY GRABBING ALL THOSE MAGIC RINGS!

UH OH! MAGIC RINGS! VERY DANGEROUS TO PLAY WITH!

THAT PUTS EVERYTHING INTO PERSPECTIVE!

NOOOOOOOOOOOO

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ADIEU, BLUE! NICE MEETING YOU!

WAIT! THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS COULD USE A GUY LIKE YOU, CAL!

HE'S AL... I'M CAL!

YOU NEED TO MEET PRINCESS SAL!

YIKES!

TOUCHOOFDOWN!

SONIC! THERE YOU ARE!

I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER THE FOREST FOR YOU!

SO... WHAT'S UP?

WHAT'D I SAY? WHAT'D I SAY?

GROWR!

WANT TO SEE MORE OF AL AND CAL?

SEND US A LETTER IN THE MAL... er... MAIL!

The End

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ in: FOILED AGAIN!

YOU JUST SIT DOWN ON THE STOOL, SONIC!

BUT...

RELAX...THIS IS THE LATEST RAGE!

FOIL

OKAY, BOOMER, GOT A GOOD GRIP?

YES, SALLY... READY? SET...

GO!

PERFECT!

MMF!

SKRINKLE!!!

OH, YES! IT'S JUST RIGHT!

I ALWAYS SAID SONIC MAKES A GOOD IMPRESSION!

THIS FOIL, EMBOSSED COVER WILL REALLY BOOST SALES!

ONLY 74,999 TO GO!

THERE MUST BE AN EASIER WAY TO MAKE A LIVING!

SONIC

The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ IN TWO-TIMER!

WHY DON'T YOU JUST WAIT HERE?

NO WAY, SAL! THINK OF ALL I CAN ACCOMPLISH!

ZOOM!

I CAN CLEAN UP THE LITTER FROM YESTERDAY'S FREEDOM FIGHTER PARADE!

D...

I CAN REPAIR THE HOLES IN THE WALL FROM THE BURROBOT INVASION!

AND I CAN DELIVER ALL TWO HUNDRED ISSUES OF THE "KNOTHOLE HERALD"!

ANTOINE

BOOMER

... ALL BEFORE THAT TWO-MINUTE EGG IS DONE!

THIS IS THE LAST TIME I COOK FOR HIM!

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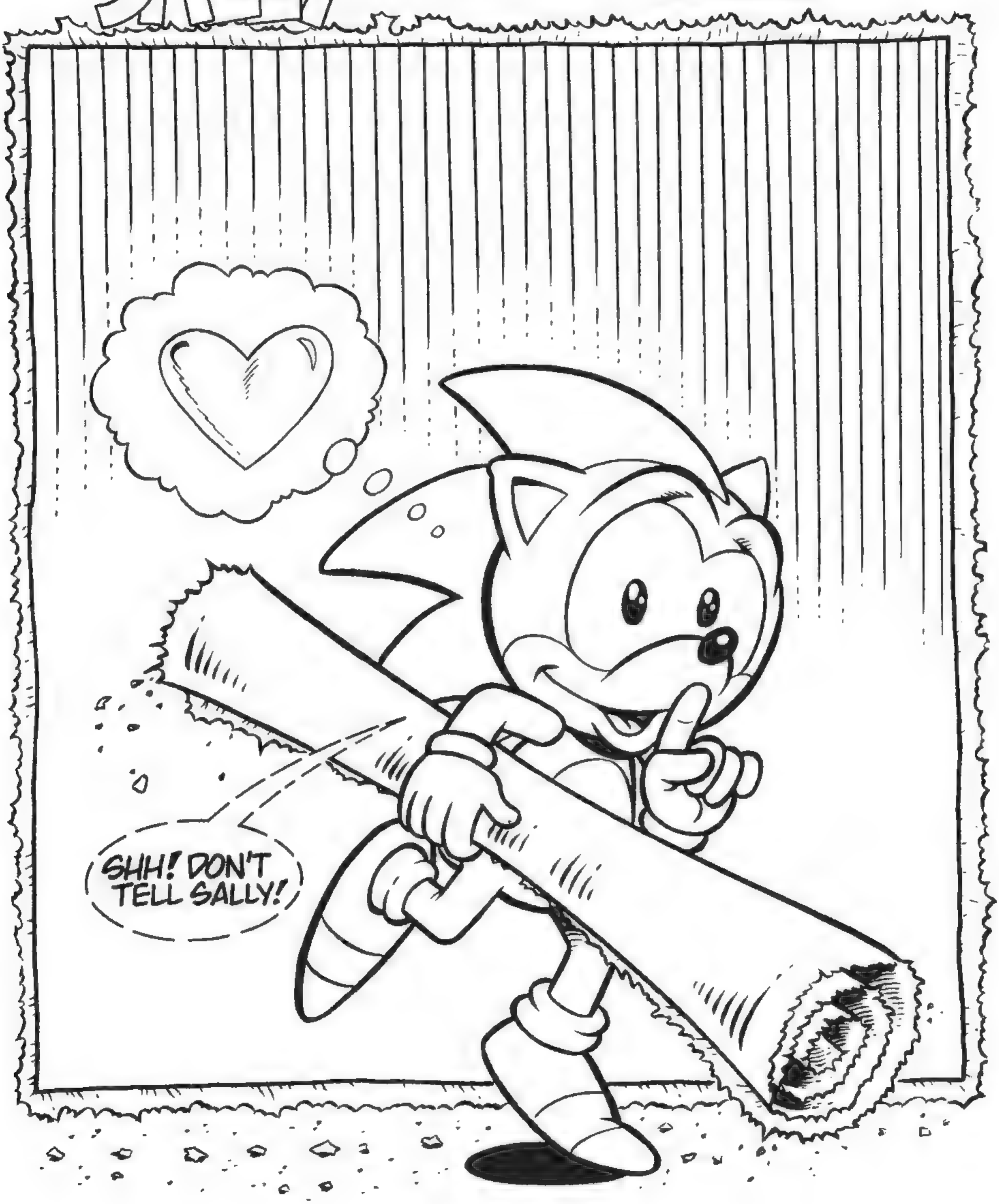
The End

PRINCESS SALLY PIN-UP



SONIC PIN-UP

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG in ALL THE MAIL'S ABOUT TAILS!

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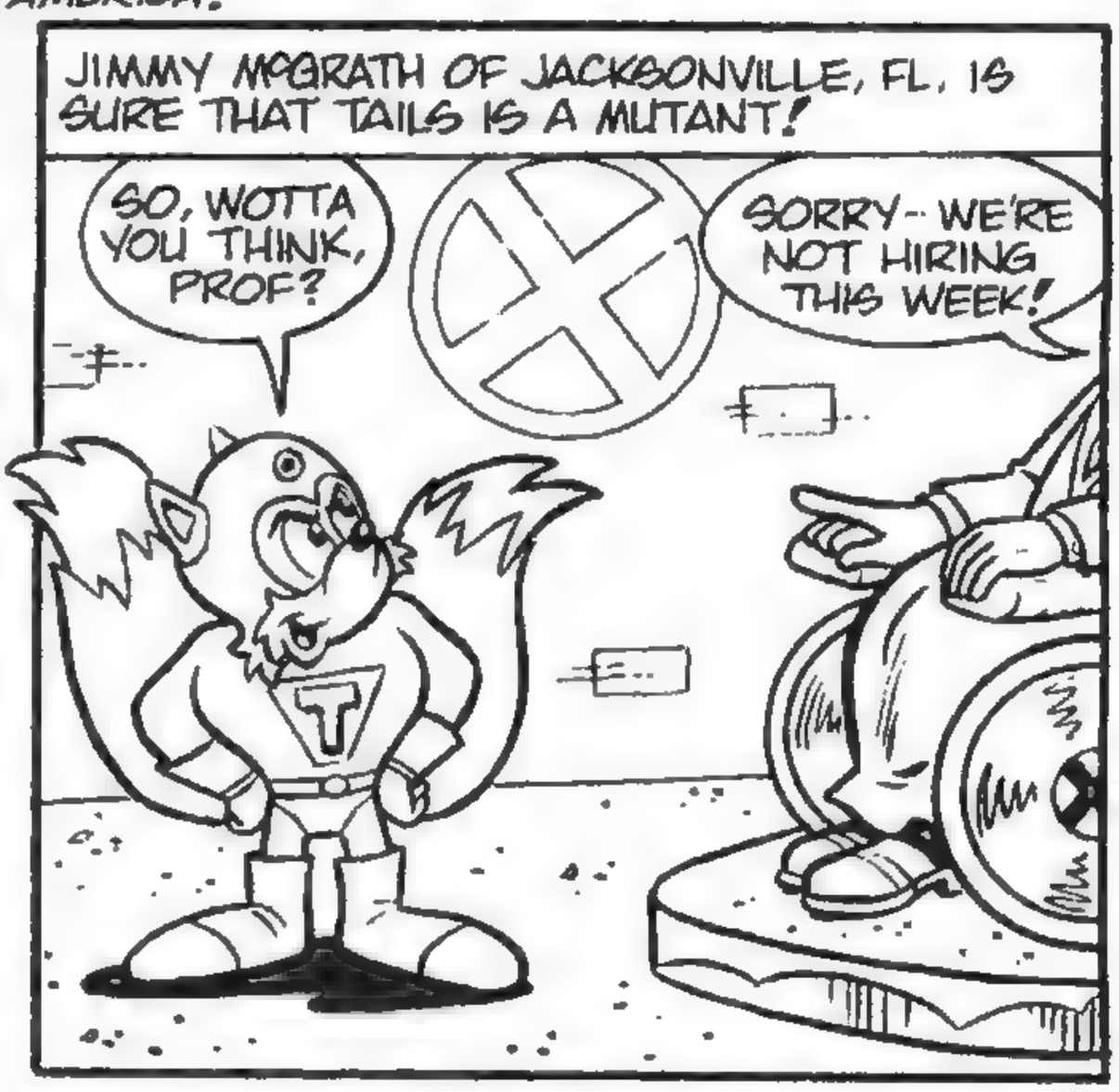

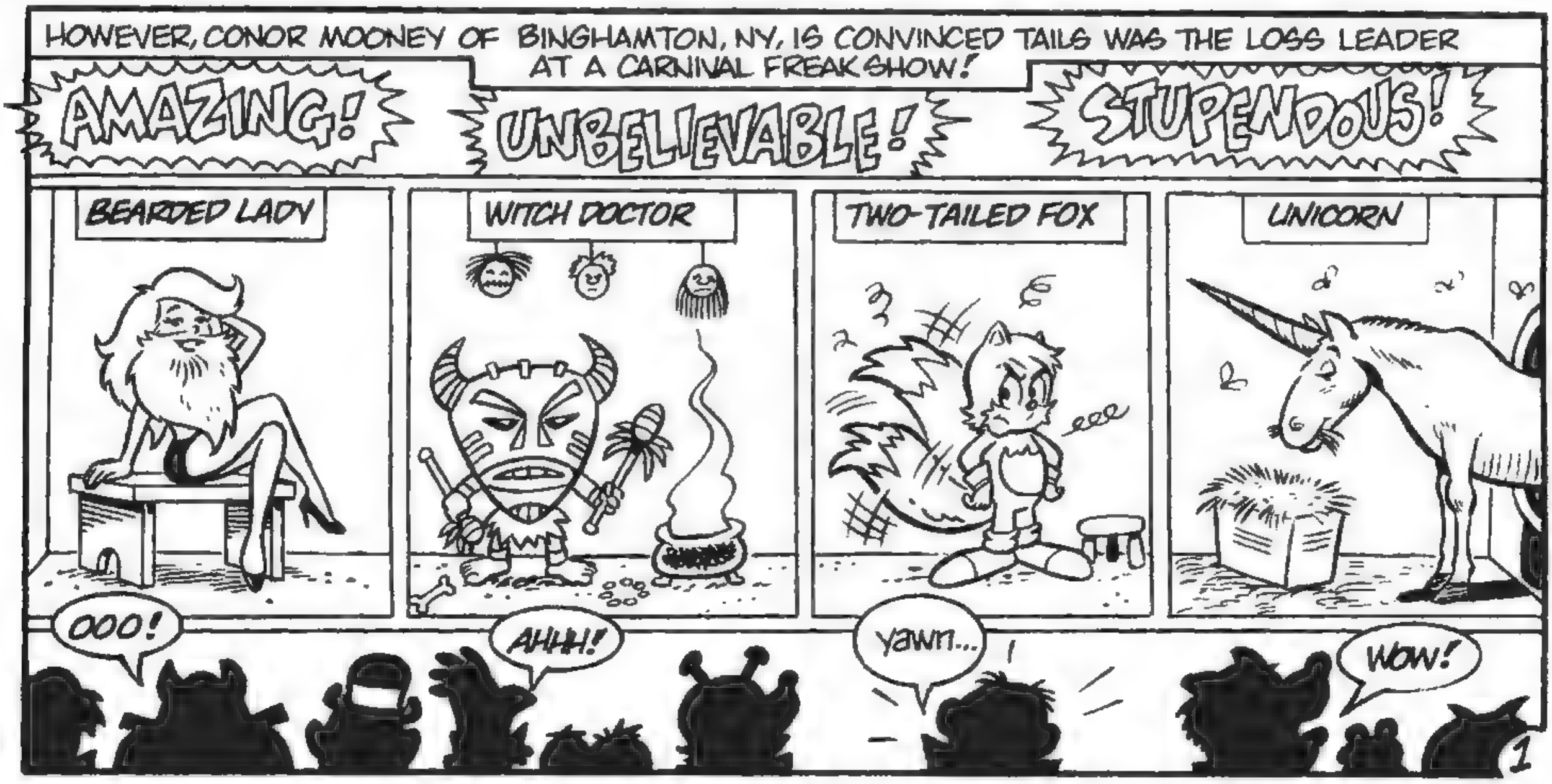

AS TO HOW IT HAPPENED, CHELSEA HEIL OF SAN JOSE, CA, THINKS TAILS WAS CREATED IN THE LABORATORY OF DR. FRANKENSTAIN!

IT'S ALIVE... ALIVE!

I HOPE MY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERS THIS!

MEANWHILE, TOM KILROE OF TEGA CAY, SC, SAYS TAILS ACTUALLY HAS ANTOINE'S TAIL!

LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOT YOUR HAIR, TOO!

FINALLY, JIMMY FORD OF SHIRLEY, NY, FAXED US HIS THEORY OF EVOLUTION WHICH SENT US INTO A *TAILSPIN*!

TO QUOTE BARBIE: "MATH IS HARD!"

E=mc TAILS

WHATEVER THE REASON, I THINK I DESERVE MY OWN 3-ISSUE MINI-SERIES! DON'T YOU, GANG? *

WE'LL SEE... HERE'S MORE MAIL... "DEAR SONIC - WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS NAKED?..."

OOP!

BLUSH!

*KEEP THOSE CARDS AND LETTERS COMING TO SONIC GRAMS! —EDITOR

THE END

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WE JUST CHECKED THE OTHER *COMICS* ON THIS RACK...

...*THIS* IS THE ONE YOU *WANT!*

VA VOOM!

MANAK

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN THE BOMB BUGS ME!

PART 1

IS COMING THIS WAY AT INCREDIBLE SPEED, PRINCESS SALLY!

HOW FAST IS HE GOING, BOOMER?

GREAT FOREST MONITOR

ZONES

- EMERALD HILL
- CHEMICAL PLANT
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FASTER THAN YOUR TV CAMERA CAN TRANSMIT PICTURES OF ME!

HUH? WHA-HOW?

OH, HE JUST LOVES TO SHOW OFF ON THE FIRST PAGE!

GREAT FOREST MONITOR

ZONES

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SORRY IF I SCARED YOU, BIG GUY!

WHO... ME?

SONIC, WE'RE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! WE DON'T SCARE EASILY!

GOOD! THEN YOU'LL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THIS NEWS! ROBOTNIK'S GOT "THE BOMB"!

SHRIEK!!

I WAS JUST OVER IN ROBOTROPOLIS TRASHING A FEW SWATBOTS WHEN I OVERHEARD BLUBBERBUNS!

I GOT HIM-- I GOT HIM--

OW!

ZOOM

?

AT LAST! snicker

YOU'RE SURE IT'S ALL ARRANGED, CRABMEAT?

INDEED, OH KEEPER OF THE SPARE TIRE! "THE BOMB" IS ALMOST READY!

EXCELLENT! ONCE I DETONATE IT, EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM WILL DIE!

gasp!

IT'S OUR WORST NIGHTMARE COME TRUE, SALLY!

I'LL SAY... A DEADLY WEAPON IN THOSE CHUBBY HANDS...

IF HE DETONATED IT IN THE GREAT FOREST, EVERY LIVING THING— PLANT AND ANIMAL— WOULD PERISH!

IT'S MORE THAN THAT... IF HE'S GOT ONE, HE CAN GET MORE! HE WON'T BE HAPPY UNTIL OUR MOBIUS IS A LIFELESS PLANET!

THAT'S WHY THEY CALL IT A "COLD WAR"... BECAUSE WE'LL ALL BE... gulp. ON ICE!

BOOMER

SONIC

ANTOINE

SALLY

UNCLE CHUCK

MUTTSK

WE CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN! ALL OF US MUST DEMONSTRATE OUR RESOLVE FOR A BOMB-FREE WORLD!

SWING LOW...

SWEET CHARIOT...

DID YOU SAY, "DEMONSTRATE?" THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!

A SHORT TIME LATER, AT ROBOTNIK'S H.Q.

LOOK, MY LUMPY LIEGE...PROTESTORS!

IMPOSSIBLE! I'VE OUTLAWED ALL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM!

NOT PROTESTANTS! PROTESTORS! YOU'RE BEING PICKETED!

GADZOOKS!

AND LOOK WHO IT IS... SONIC, PRINCESS SALLY AND THAT OVERWEIGHT WALRUS! TSK!...TSK! HOW CAN ANYONE LET HIMSELF GET SO OBESE?...

BAN THE BOMB!

SAVE OUR PLANET!

NO NUKES!

NEVER MIND THAT NOW! THEY'VE LEFT THEMSELVES WIDE OPEN TO AMBUSH! ASSEMBLE A SQUADRON OF SWATBOTS!

AT ONCE, YOUR ROTUNDITY!

EXIT

SOON...

FOLLOW ME, 'BOTS! WE WILL CRUSH THIS UPRISING! READY... SET...

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GO! AND REMEMBER... NO PRISONERS!... NO SURVIVORS...

BAN THE BOMB!

SAVE OUR PLANET!

NO NUKES!

...NO OOF!

OW!

UMF!

OOCH!

OOF!

HE JUST SAID NO "OOF!"

CLUNK! WHAP! PTANG! THUD! BLAT! KONK!

WHAT THE--? WE HIT THE WALL! THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WEREN'T THERE!

OBSERVE! THEY NOW APPEAR ON YOUR AMPLE JELLYBELLY!

THE BOMB!

THEY WHAT? MY WHICH? WHEN... WHY... WOOOO-HA!

ROBOTNIK'S OUT LIKE A LIGHT!

IT WORKED! PROJECTING THAT *MOVIE* OF US ON THE WALL FOOLED THE FAT MAN!

GOOD! NOW LET'S GET "THE BOMB" BEFORE HE RECOVERS!

End PART I

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG in THE BOMB BUGS ME!

PART 2

YOU AND PRINCESS SALLY MUST BE ELIMINATED!

EXCELLENT! WELL DONE!

AN OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE!

THANKS, YOUR MAJESTY!... I CAN DO OTHER VOICES BESIDES ROBOTNIK!... WANT TO HEAR MY JAMES CAGNEY?

NOT NOW, BOOMER... PUT THE MASK BACK ON!

YEAH... LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!

THERE'S HIS RIGHT HAN...er... RIGHT CLAW MAN, CRABMEAT, DOWN THE HALL! CALL HIM, BOOMER!

OOOOo... COME HEE-YAH, CRABMEAT, YOU DOITY RAT! OOOOo...

NOT AS CAGNEY! AS ROBOTNIK!

sheesh!

GOTCHA!... Ihem... CRABMEAT! FRONT AND CENTER, YOU BOTTOM FEEDING FLUNKY!

YOU BELLOWED, YOUR BLUBBERNESS?

BOING!

YES! I WANT YOU TO BRING "THE BOMB" TO MY OFFICE AT ONCE!

MY, WHAT A FISHY BREATH YOU HAVE, MASTER!

THE BETTER TO ORDER YOU AROUND WITH! NOW, PLEASE DO AS I SAY!

AYE, AYE!

HE SAID, "PLEASE!" SOMETHING'S STRANGE AROUND HERE!

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MOMENTS LATER...

I'VE GOT "THE BOMB," OH, OVAL ONE... er... COULD YOU WADDLE OUT HERE FOR A SECOND?

VERY WELL!

?

STAY PUT, GUYS... I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!

BE CAREFUL... I'M STARTING TO SMELL A ROBOT RAT...

HEY!

POW!

oof!

SMEK!

Y.U. Crunch!

I KNEW IT! LEMME AT THEM!

WAIT! DON'T BLOW OUR COVER! BOOMER CAN HANDLE HIMSELF!

OKAY... I GOT "THE BOMB"! LET'S TAKE IT BACK TO KNOTHOLE, QUICK!

SEE? I TOLD YOU!

the BOMB

IT'S MUCH SMALLER THAN I THOUGHT!

YEAH... WE'LL ANALYZE IT AT KNOTHOLE! C'MON, YOU LEAD THE WAY!

ALL RIGHT ALREADY... WHAT'S THE RUSH?

THE BOMB

HE WANTS TO GET TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE SO HE CAN DESTROY IT!

gasp!

gasp!

grrrrr...

DON'T BE FOOLED BY THAT FAKE! HE'S *ROBOTNIK* IN DISGUISE!

HA! THAT'S A LAUGH AND A HALF COMING FROM ROBOTNIK HIMSELF!

HA-HA! YOU'LL LAUGH OUT OF THE OTHER SIDE OF YOUR MASK NOW, CHUBBINS!

BOOMER!

HO-HO! THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, BUCKTUSKS!

ROBOTNIK!

OBSERVE! I'M ACTUALLY BOOMER UNDERNEATH THIS MASK!

HA!

AHA! BUT WHAT ABOUT THIS?

HO!

BEHOLD MY TRUE IDENTITY!

HEE!

BAH! I THINK NOT!

HA!

OH YEAH?

HO!

YOUR MOMMA!

IZZAT SO?

HEE!

THIS IS GETTING RIDICULOUS!

THAT'S ALL I CAN STANDS... I CAN'T STANDS NO MORE! SO, HEADS UP, BOYS!

PWIF!

...OR RATHER- HEADS OFF!

THE BOMB

ooogah...

eeegah...

GOOD WORK, SONIC! NOW WE CAN SEE WHO'S WHO!

THE BOMB

AND NOW WE CAN ESCAPE WITH "THE BOMB"!

C'MON, BOOMER!

BOOM? BOOM? BOOGALOO?

COME BACK H- OOOOOOOP...

THUD!

LATER, BACK IN THE SECRET VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE

YOU'RE NO LONGER DIZZY, BOOMER?

NO MORE THAN USUAL, PRINCESS!

GOOD! LET'S DISMANTLE "THE BOMB"!

THE BOMB

OKAY...BUT IT'LL BE DANGEROUS!

DON'T BE NERVOUS JUST BECAUSE THE FATE OF THE WORLD RESTS ON YOUR SHOULDERS!

:UP: THANKS...

IT'S OPEN!

WHAT KIND OF A BOMB IS IT, SALLY?...ATOMIC, HYDROGEN, NEUTRON?

NEITHER!

THE BOMB

IT SAYS, "REMOVE ALL HOUSEHOLD PETS BEFORE DISCHARGING IN INFESTED AREA!"

UM-

-OH!

MEANWHILE...

THE PANTRY IS STILL FULL OF FLYING ANTS, OH ROUND ONE! WITHOUT "THE BUG BOMB," I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'LL DO!

I HATE THAT HEDGEHOG!

The End

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN TAILS' FAIRY TALES!

SONIC! WAKE UP!

ZOOO HMMM? HUH?... HUM?

I JUST READ THE COOLEST STORY...: "THE TORTOISE AND THE HARE"!

PHOOEY! THAT OLD FOSSIL?

OH, C'MON... IT'S GREAT! THE OVERCONFIDENT RABBIT TAKES A NAP WHILE THE DETERMINED TURTLE PLODS ALONG SLOW AND STEADY!

BALDERDASH! POPPYCOCK!

TAKE IT FROM ME, KID... THERE'S NO WAY SOME CREEPALONG COOTER COULD OUTRACE ANYONE SO FAST!

REALLY?

WHAT IF HE WAS RIDING A *ROCKET-POWERED SKATEBOARD?*

Yawn... MAYBE...

END

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN DOUBLE SPEAK!

HA! WHAT A RIDICULOUS OPINION!

ZOOM

OH, IZZAT SO? WHEN WERE YOU APPOINTED SECRETARY OF THE INFERIOR INTELLECT?

WHOOOSH!

LISTEN, BOZO... IF BRAINS WERE DYNAMITE YOU COULDN'T BLOW YOUR NOSE!

POOF

WHEN YOU TRAVEL FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF SOUND, YOU SOMETIMES WIND UP TALKING TO YOURSELF!

YOWI

AND ANOTHER THING!

The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN PAPER TRAIL!

SOMEBODY IS IN *VERY* DEEP YOGURT!

THERE SHALL BE NO PEACE AROUND HERE UNTIL THE PERPETRATORS HAVE BEEN *PUNISHED!*

FOR I AM PRINCESS SALLY ACORN, RULER OF KNOTHOLE, AND MY WORD IS *LAW!*

I SHALL BE AVENGED! COME ALONG, ANTOINE... THE INVESTIGATION BEGINS!

YES, YOUR MAJESTY!

WOW! I NEVER SAW HER SO ANGRY!

YEAH... I THOUGHT SHE COULD TAKE A JOKE!

I'M WASHING OFF THIS PRINTER'S INK RIGHT NOW!

THE KNOTHOLE INQUISITOR

PRINCESS DYE!

SALLY'S BLONDE TO BRUNETTE DEBACLE!

BEFORE

AFTER

The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

IN "RABBOT DEPLOYMENT!" ... PART I ...

COMIN' THROUGH!

TSK...THOSE SKID MARKS ARE SO HARD TO GET OFF THE FLOOR!

SCREEEE

Ahem! YOU'LL NOTICE I USED MY "Little Mermaid" CAMERA!
WINK
chuckle
Snawt
giggle
AH, YES... NICE "ARIEL" PHOTO-GRAPHY!
haw!
WHAT HAVE I TOLD YOU TWO ABOUT THOSE BAD PUNS?
GET SERIOUS! THESE PHOTOS SHOW ROBOTNIK MAKING DEEP INROADS INTO THE SOUTHERN SECTOR OF MOBIUS!
YOU'RE RIGHT!
WHAT'LL WE DO?
WHY, CAJUN MY CRAWDADS, BOOMER, YOU GOOD OLE BOY! WE-ALL'S GONNA HEAD DOWN TO DIXIE!
WHOO! YOU NEED TO GO ON A DIET, BIG GUY!
BE CAREFUL!
BOING!
SOME TIME LATER... (AFTER A SHORT STOP AT THE SPORTING GOODS STORE FOR ROLLER BLADES!)
SLOW DOWN, SONIC! WE'RE GETTING CLOSE TO THE DANGER ZONE!
WE'RE IN IT, BOOM BOX! LOOK OVER THERE!
SHOOM
2

HOLY HARES! THOSE TWO SWATBOTS GRABBED THAT SWEET, LITTLE BUNNY!

BUT WAIT! ...THERE'S MORE!

PREY IS CAPTURED!

HOW DARE YOU, SUH? UNHAND ME, YOU *YANKEE* CONTRAPTION!

YANKEE? I'M AN ORIOLES FAN!

CARROT

A PORTABLE ROBOT-MAKER!

gasp!

EEEEK! DON'T YOU DARE THROW ME IN THERE!

SORRY, LADY...WE WORK ON A QUOTA SYSTEM!

BOT ON THE SPOT TM R

THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR...

WAIT! YOU'RE STILL TIED UP!

SONIC THE *HEDGE*...HELP!

1-2-3-

NOOOOOO!

TWANG!

SORRY, BLUE!
oogah!
GOOD JOB! HIGH MULTI-FUNCTION DIGITS!
SLAP ME SOME TITANIUM, CHUM!
KLANK!
STAND BACK, BOOMER! THERE'S STILL TIME!
koff!
VROOOOOO
LOOK AT THAT HORIZONTAL SONIC SPIN!
SQUAWK! I HATE IT WHEN HE GOES FOR A SPIN!
BZZZOT! HE'S A REAL CUT UP, ALL RIGHT!
HANG ON, MA'AM! I'M CUTTIN' MY WAY IN!
BOT
CHOK!
SNAK!
SPOT
MMRAWW!
YOW! A ROBOT-MAKER IN ACTION!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, SUGAH!
TURN IT OFF!
OH... RIGHT! SORRY...
AH DON'T FEEL AT ALL WELL...: SWOON:
CLUNK!
ON
OFF
ZIP!
4

IS SHE OKAY? WAS SHE TURNED INTO A ROBOT?

IT SHUT DOWN HALFWAY THROUGH!

gulp! Y-YOU MEAN...

SHE'S HALF RABBIT HALF RAB-BOT!

BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING SHE'S HURT! LET'S TAKE HER BACK TO KNOTHOLE!

BUT SHE'S PART MACHINE NOW! ROBOTNIK COULD FOLLOW US BY USING HER!

THUMF!

THIS IS NO TIME FOR A MECHANICAL MENTALITY! THE LADY NEEDS HELP! ARE WE *MICE* OR *MEN*?

NEITHER!

BOP!

MY POINT EXACTLY! LET'S GO!

HOW CAN YOU ARGUE WITH LOGIC LIKE THAT?

ZOOM

End PART I

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

IN "RABBOT DEPLOYMENT!"

~PART II~

REPORTING IN, YOUR HIGHNESS!

HUFF PUFF... BOOMER, TOO!

GLAD YOU'RE BACK, BOYS... WHO'S YOUR FRIEND?

URT!

GEE... WE DIDN'T GET HER NA--

Y'ALL CAN CALL ME "*BUNNIE*"... YOU CAN CALL ME "BUNS"... JUST DON'T CALL ME "BUGS" OR CALL ME LATE WHEN IT'S TIME TO DEFEAT ROBOTNIK!

BWANG!

?

MOBIUS SWEET MOBIUS

REALLY? AND WHAT CAN YOU DO?

MY ROBOTIC HALF MAKES ME SUPER STRONG! AND MY KARATE KICKS ARE PRETTY HOT, TOO!

WOW!

YIPE! ONLY I COULD'VE MOVED FAST ENOUGH TO AVOID THAT!

YOU'RE FAST *AND* CUTE! WHAT'S YOUR NAME, SUGAH?

I THINK MAYBE YOU SHOULD PUT THE PRINCESS DOWN, FIRST!

P-P-P-PRINCESS? OH MAH STARS, AH AM *SO* SORRY!

THAT'S OKAY!

THUD!

PRINCESS SALLY ACORN! YOU ARE MY HERO! AH MEANT NO DISRESPECT! IT'S ALWAYS BEEN MAH DREAM TO BE YOUR HAIRDRESSER!

AND I NEED ONE! BUT FIRST, JOIN US FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

YES! WE NEED ALL WE CAN GET!

MY, OH MY! WHO IS THAT LI'L OLE SOLDIER BOY?

THAT'S ANTOINE D' COOLETTE...OR AS I CALL HIM, "*THE HEAD WINDBAG*"!

HIGHNESS! IT WAS THIS BIG! NO BIGGER! REALLY!

YOU INTERRUPTED US TO TALK ABOUT YOUR FISHING TRIP?

RUMBLE!!

HEY... WHAT'S THAT RUMBLING?

CHUNKA-CHUNKA-CRONCH!

THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYING TO TELL YOU ALL! ROBOTNIK BUILT A GIGANTIC BURROBOT THAT'S TEARING UP THE GREAT FOREST ABOVE US!

SMASH!

SNAP!

TO SURFACE

STAND BACK, EVERYONE! THIS IS A JOB FOR *SONIC THE HEDGE-HOG!*

BOING!

AND HIS NEW "BOTBUSTIN" PARTNER... *RABBOT!*

WHO AND WHAT IS THAT?

EXACTLY!

LET'S SEE WHAT SHE CAN DO!

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OKAY...WHERE IS THAT FLEA-BITTEN BUCKET OF BOLTS AT?

GET BACK DOWN HEAH, SUGAH!

CHUNKA-CHUNKA-CHUNK

ZIP!

CHUNKA...

CHUNKITA-CHUNKITA-CHUNK!

WHOO! THANKS, BUNNIE! I WAS ALMOST A *SONIC* PANCAKE!

DON'T MENTION IT! ALTHOUGH I MAY USE YOU FOR A REFERENCE WHEN I APPLY TO HAIR-DRESSING SCHOOL!

MEANWHILE, LET'S DISPENSE WITH THIS ILL-MANNERED MACHINE!... YA'LL GOT A PLAN?

I SURE DO, BUNNIE... WATCH MY SMOKE!

BROWMM...

I'M GONNA PLAY THE GAME OF "TWISTER" WITH HIM! AND I PROVIDE THE TORNADO!

GRACIOUS ME! SONIC'S QUITE A HERO! BUT AH COULD TELL PRINCESS SALLY HAS DESIGNS ON THAT HEDGEHOG!

HUH?

THE BURROBOT'S TURNING!

..NO!

WHRRRRRR

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HAS BEEN LURED INTO THE OPEN AS EXPECTED- INITIATE ATTACK SEQUENCE!

VZOW... BLAMM!

A TRAP! AAGH!

NOW TO CRUSH HIM UNDER MY TREADS!

Chunka-Chunka

WHAT IS TRANSPIRING? DOES NOT COMPUTE!

-Chunka-Ch--

I AM BEING TOSSED UPSIDE DOWN!

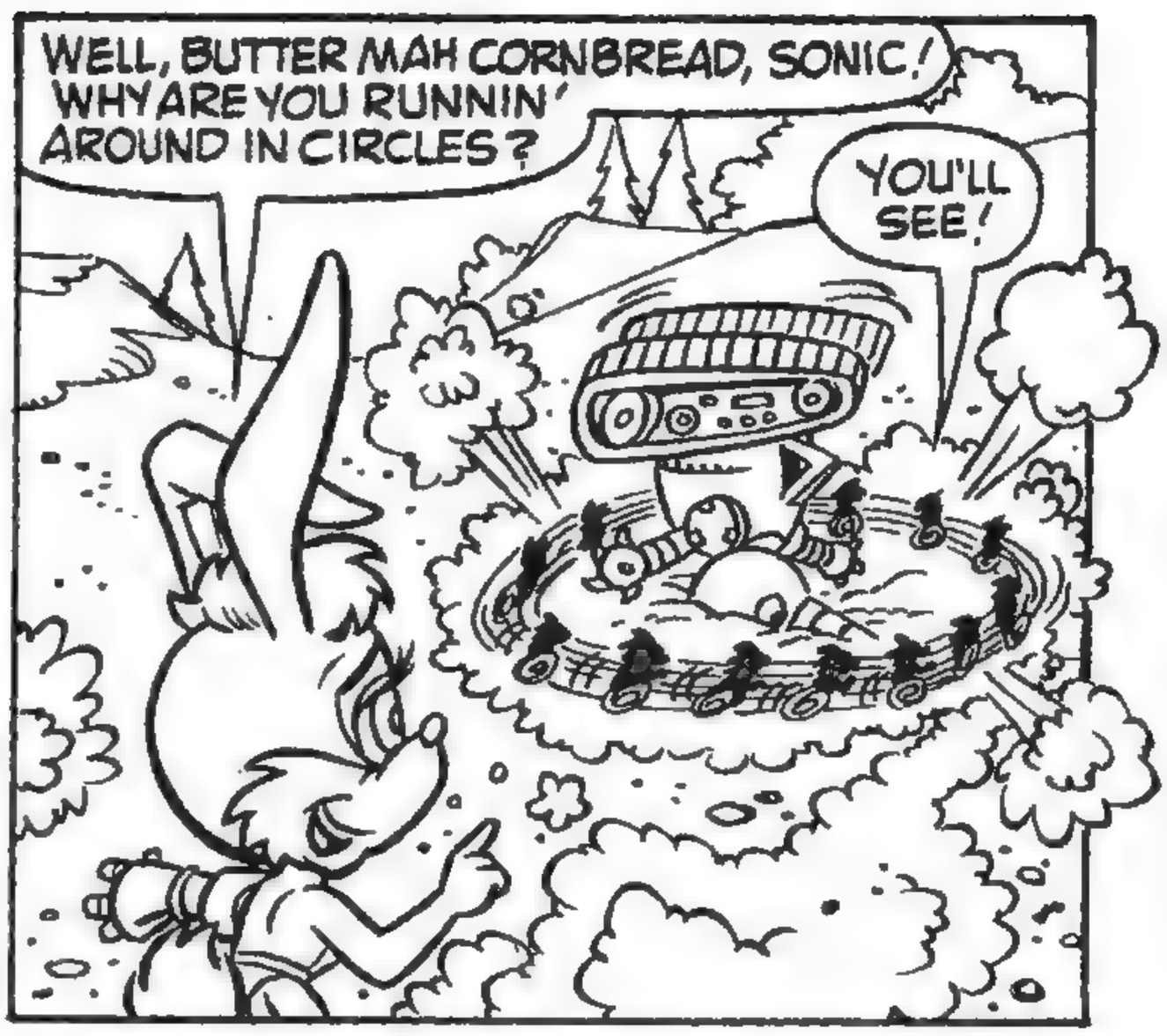
mmmf!

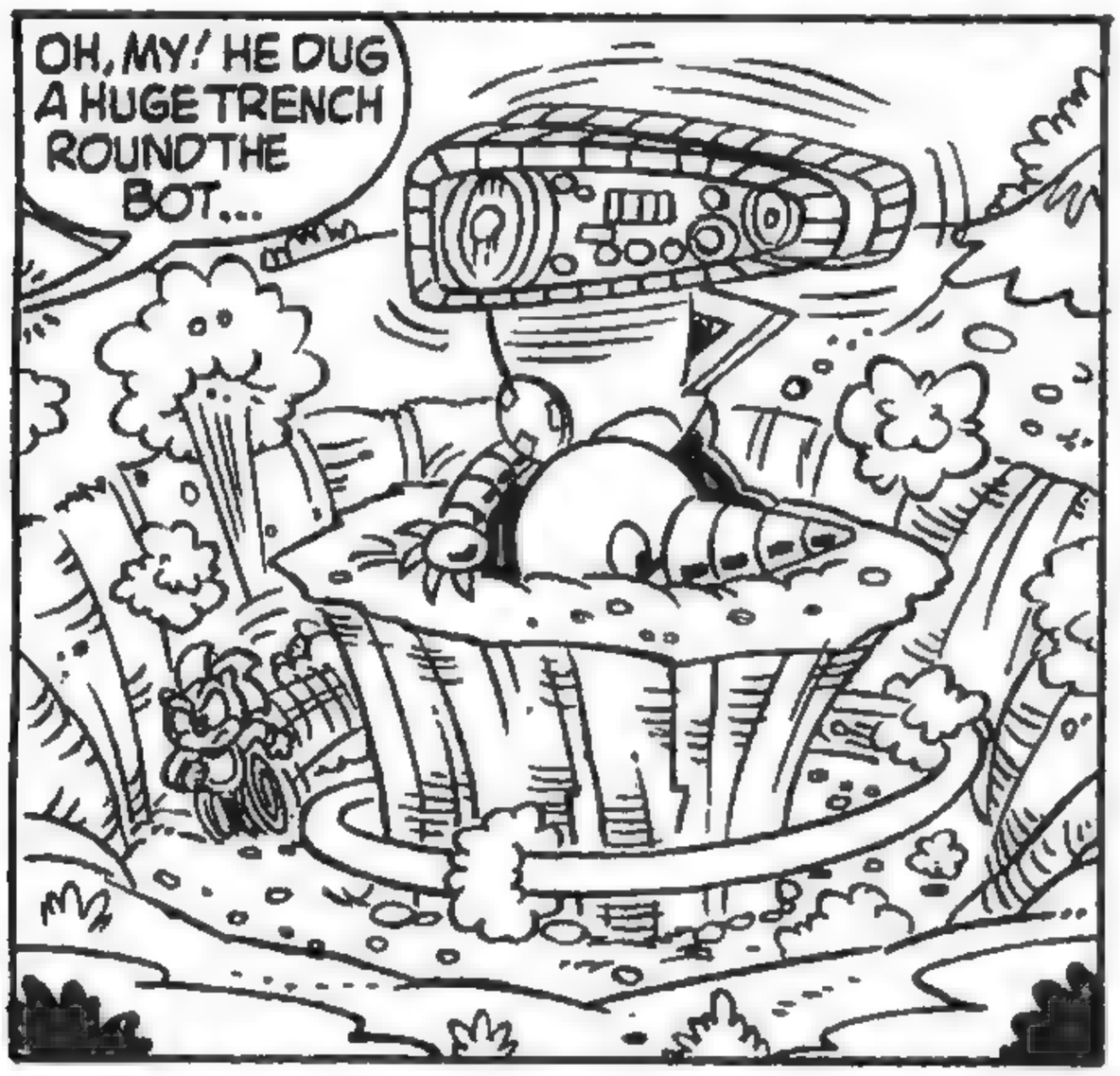
WRRRRRR

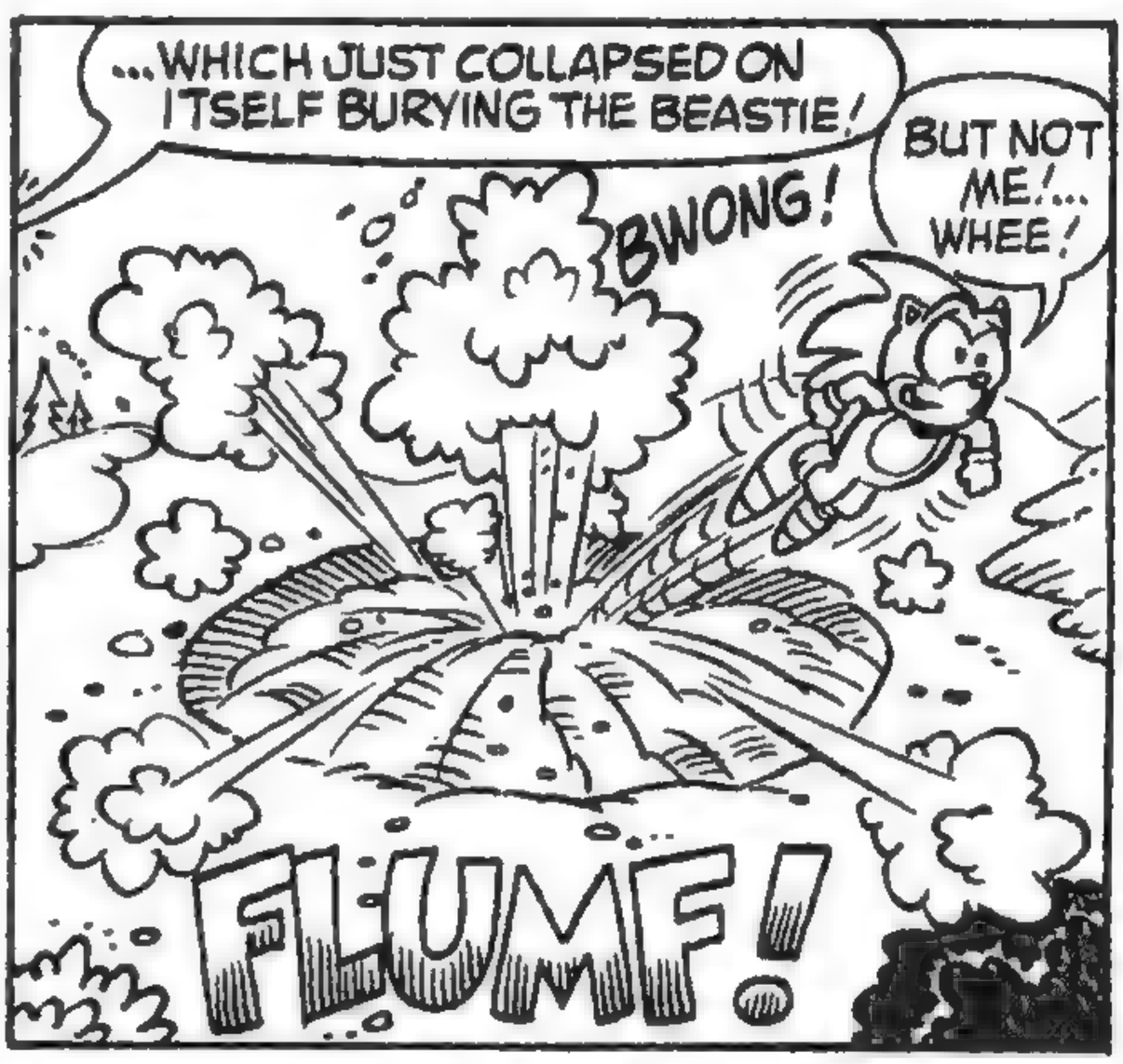
LET THAT BE A LESSON TO Y'ALL... NOBODY BASHES BLUE BOY WHEN LI'L OLE BUNNIE'S AROUND!

WOW! SHE USED HER SUPER STRENGTH TO TOSS THAT BURROBOT BACKWARDS!

NOW *HARE* THIS... I'LL FINISH THE JOB, BUNS!
WHATEVAH Y'ALL SAY, SUGAH!
WOW! ZERO TO SIXTY IN .0,00001 SECONDS!
VOOM!


WELL, BUTTER MAH CORNBREAD, SONIC! WHY ARE YOU RUNNIN' AROUND IN CIRCLES?
YOU'LL SEE!


OH, MY! HE DUG A HUGE TRENCH ROUND THE BOT...


...WHICH JUST COLLAPSED ON ITSELF BURYING THE BEASTIE!
BWONG!
BUT NOT ME!... WHEE!
FLUMF!

A SHORT TIME LATER, BACK IN THE SECRET UNDERGROUND VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE...
WELCOME ABOARD, BUNNIE! YOU MAKE A GREAT FREEDOM FIGHTER!
THANK YA, BOOMER! BUT OF COURSE, LET'S NOT FORGET...
WE KNOW... YOU WANT TO BE A HAIRDRESSER... JUST AS SOON AS ROBOTNIK'S RUINED, OKAY?
MEANWHILE, YOU CAN PRACTICE ON 'TWAN'S HAIR WHEN HE'S NOT USING IT!
PLUCK!
HEY!
The End
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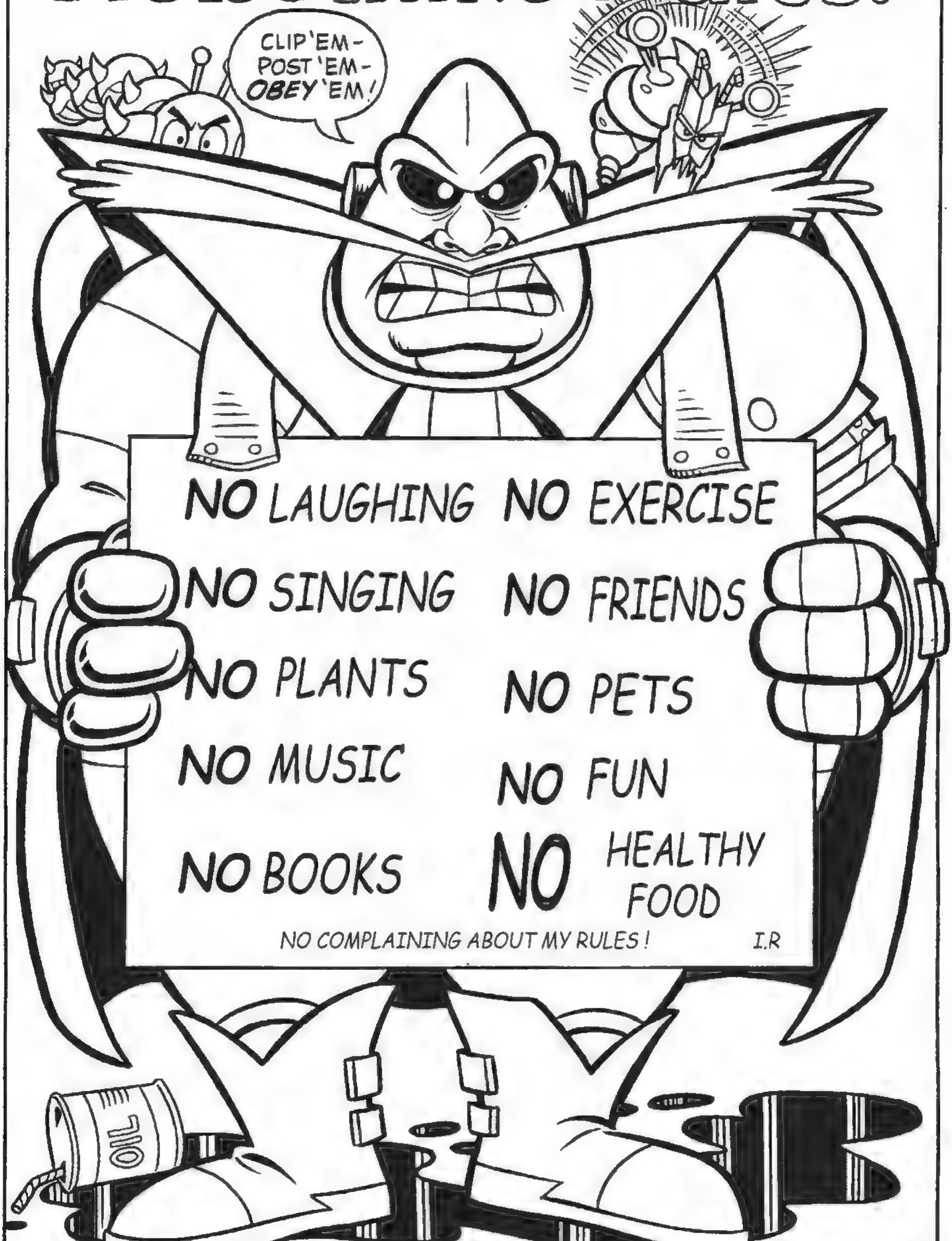

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MODERN PRINCESS

SOME HERO-- CLEANING CHIMNIES!

WHADOYOU WANT-- A SOOT SWEEPER OR A SWEET SUITER?!

MANAK

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

IN "The LIZARD OF ODD!" PART 1

SHALL NEVER DEFEAT ME AGAIN! SO HELP ME, THE NEXT ANIMAL THAT'S CAPTURED WILL BE TURNED INTO THE ULTIMATE KILLER ROBOT!

YOU'RE IN LUCK, OH FLABULANT ONE!... HERE COMES THE WAGON!

(R) BOT BRIGADE

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OH, GOODY! IT LOOKS LIKE THEY LANDED A BIG ONE!

INDEED, MY LUMPY LORD! THEY'RE USING THE EXTRA LARGE CONTAINER!

STAY BACK, EXCELLENCY! WE'RE UNLOADING THE CATCH!

OBOYOBOYOBOY! WHAT IS IT? A RHINO? AN ELEPHANT?

BOT BRIG

DANGER

...A SALAMANDER, SIR!

WOT!

ook!

YOU GOT ME ALL EXCITED AND MADE ME VOW TO CREATE A SUPER ROBOT OUT OF A SALAMANDER?!

:CHOKE: BUT HE'S BIG FOR HIS AGE! :ack:

eek!

:growl: WELL, I ALWAYS KEEP MY WORD... LIKE NOW, I PROMISE YOU THREE WILL SPEND THE REST OF YOUR UNNATURAL LIVES IN THE SLAG SHOP!

TAKE THEM AWAY, CRABMEAT!

MOVE ALONG, BOYS!

SLAG SHOP

NO EXIT

WDE

IS

US!

ooka ook!

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OH, WELL... HERE GOES NOTHING... ROBOTICIZE HIM BUZZBOMBER!

YES, MASTER!

ROBO-MACHINE PAT. PEND.

EEK!

WHEW! I'M SWEATING 10-W-40... CRANK UP THE A.C.!

UHH... SURE... HMM... WHICH BUTTON?...

NO, YOU BUMBLING BEE! THAT'S THE SIZE CONTROL KNOB! THE ROBOT WILL GROW OUT OF CONTROL!

RED ALERT

HONK! TOOT!

BLAT!

UH-OH!

BA-BA-BA-BLOOEY!

SUFFERING SUB-PLOTS! THE LITTLE LIZARD'S BECOME ENORMOUS!

AND POWERFUL! YOUR MACHINE'S OVERLOAD HAS MADE ME THE STRONGEST ROBOT EVER! THIS WORLD WILL SOON BELONG TO: Universalamander!

SNORT!

MEANWHILE, IN THE UNDERGROUND VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE, WHERE WE FIND...

"*SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!*" I THINK THAT'S STILL THE NAME OF THIS COMIC BOOK!

NEVER MIND THAT! LOOK AT WHAT'S ON SCREEN!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

GREAT FOREST MONITOR

ZONES

NEITHER CAN I! *JURASSIC PARK* IS ALREADY OUT ON *SEGA GENESIS*?

IT'S NOT A VIDEO GAME! IT'S A MENACE!

IT'S A GIGANTIC LIZARD ROBOT!

HE'S TRASHING THE GREAT FOREST!

AND COMING THIS WAY!

NO WAY! I'M GOING TO *INTERCEPT* HIM! I HOPE THERE'S SOME PRO FOOTBALL SCOUTS IN THE AUDIENCE!

BWOING!

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WHAT THE--?! IT'S ROBOTNIK... TAKING OFF IN HIS EGG-O-MATIC!

UNIVERSALAMANDER IS TOO POWERFUL! I'M GETTING OFF MOBIUS BEFORE HE DESTROYS IT... AND ME!

WHAT'S HE SO AFRAID OF?...

ROWR!

YIPE! THINGS ON TV ALWAYS LOOK BIGGER IN REAL LIFE!

BOOM!

THUMP!

HEADS UP, SCALEFACE! LET'S SEE WHAT YOU THINK OF A *SONIC SPIN!*

ZWEEEEEE E

I THINK IT LOOKS DELICIOUS!

CHOMP!

HEY!

OH MY GOSH!
HE ATE SONIC!
I'M ASTOUNDED!
THEY MUST'VE DONE IT WITH MIRRORS!
GREAT FOR
YUK!
I FORGOT THE OLD SAYING: NEVER EAT ANYTHING BLUE!
HEY! WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?
YOU'RE A LITTLE STRINGY, BUT *UNIVERSALAMANDER* WILL MANAGE TO CHEW YOU UP!
I WAS REALLY HOPING HIS NAME WAS *HERBIE VORE!*
NO!
IT CAN'T BE!
IMPOSSIBLE!
AND YET IT'S TRUE!
"SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IS :gasp: *GONE!*"
CHOMF! CRONCH!
Yum!
END of PART I
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* MEANING A PLANT EATER!... VICTORSAURAS-

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN "THE LIZARD OF ODD!" PART II

WILL BE *SCAVENGED!*

THAT'S AVENGED, ANTOINE!

LOOK! SOMETHING'S HAPPENING TO UNIVERSALAMANDER!

HONK!

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THIS HEDGEHOG JUST ISN'T :gurgle: AGREEING WITH ME... :OOOgah:...

A FREEDOM FIGHTER NEVER AGREES WITH TWO BIT DICTATORS!*

* PAID POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT Princess Sally Treasurer.

UNCANNY X-RAY-

THAT'S RIGHT, BOYS AND GIRLS! SONIC'S IN HERE STIRRING UP TROUBLE!

OOOLP!

I'M COOKIN' WITH GAS!

OH, DEAR... heegup!

THOSE OF YOU WITH WEAK STOMACHS MIGHT WANT TO IGNORE THE NEXT PANEL...

burble

B

IT WASN'T PRETTY... BUT IT WORKED!

'SCUSE ME!

RIP

SWINE! YOU'LL PAY FOR HUMILIATING UNIVERSALAMANDER!

IT'S APPARENT HE'D RATHER NOT DISCUSS MY FAMILY TREE - SO I THINK I'LL LEAF NOW!

SKASH!

ZIP

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LUCKILY, I WAS RECENTLY ABLE TO COLLECT ALL SEVEN CHAOS EMERALDS ALONG WITH FIFTY RINGS...

AND STASH THEM NEAR THIS STAR POST!... I HOPE THIS WORKS!

BOING!

WHEW! MADE IT INTO THIS SPECIAL ZONE! NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS COLLECT FIFTY MORE RINGS WITHOUT GETTING SMASHED!

HOW'S YOUR "GENESIS" SKILLS TODAY, KIDZ?

GIVE ME A HAND... OR BETTER YET, *TWO!*

PING! PING!

PING!

PING! PING! PING! PING!

YEEEEEE-HA!

SEGA GENESIS

START

TRIGGER

A B C

HELP SONIC GATHER RINGS!

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46-47-48-49... HOLD ONTO YOUR SPATS, GANG!

50 RINGS IN THE SPECIAL ZONE AND I TRANSFORM INTO:

SUPER SONIC!

I'M WILD! I'M ELECTRIC! IF YOU THOUGHT I WAS "SUPER" BEFORE...

CHECK THIS OUT! I'VE GOT INVINCIBILITY AND SUPER SNEAKERS! LOOK AT ME SPARK!

SNAP! CRACKLE!

POP!

AND JUST IN TIME! OKAY, LIZARD LIPS -- THAT'S THE LAST TREE YOU DESTROY!

YOU WANNA STOP ME? YOU GOTTA GO *THROUGH* ME...

SNAP!

OH... DID I NEGLECT TO MENTION... THAT'S ANOTHER ONE OF MY **SUPER SONIC POWERS**: THE ABILITY TO JUMP THROUGH ENEMIES!

Hey! TH-THAT TICKLES!

BWANG!

WING!

HOLY ABALONE! DID YOU SEE THAT MOVE?

I MUST ADMIT... SONIC IS AMAZING!

BUT HE'S MOVING SO FAST... WHERE DID HE GO?

MY HERO!

'SCUSE ME, BOOMER... DID YOU SAVE THE ROBO-MACHINE WE SALVAGED WHEN WE TRASHED THAT SWATBOT TRUCK?*

SURE... IT'S IN MY SHOP...

* LAST ISSUE... EDITOR!

MIND IF I BORROW THE REDUCE/ENLARGE COMPONENT?

HELP YOURSELF, SONIC!

SONIC?!

HEY, UNIVERSALMINEO! LET'S MAKE *SMALL TALK!*

YOU FOOL! YOU'VE REVEALED THE SECRET ENTRANCE TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

NOW I SHALL CRUSH YOU BENEATH-MY-- feet?

YOU WERE SAYING?

goodbye!

LATER...

HAW!

HA! HE PUT A WHOOPEE CUSHION ON ANTOINE'S CHAIR! "SUPERSONIC" HAS A *SUPER* SENSE OF HUMOR!

WHEN DO WE GET TO THE PART WHERE HE'S "A MILD MANNERED HEDGEHOG"?

The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ in ANTOINE'S VAIN REFRAIN!

RATED-PB *

AS I KNEW IT WOULD, VANITY TRIUMPHS AGAIN!

Yawn...

* Pretty Boring - SONIC

TO QUOTE *CYRANO DE BERGERAC*: "AH, VANITY... I KNEW YOU WOULD OVERTHROW ME IN THE END!"

VANITY, THY NAME MAY BE WOMAN, BUT DO YOU NOT HAUNT US ALL?

ALAS! JUDGE ME NOT BY MY COWARDICE IN THE FACE OF OVERWHELMING VANITY!

BEHOLD I SWOON BENEATH THE ETERNAL ENIGMA THAT IS VANITY!...

FLOP!

ARE YOU QUITE THROUGH, ANTOINE?

YES... I SUPPOSE...

THEN WILL YOU PLEASE ASSEMBLE *MY VANITY?*

BUT, PRINCESS... THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE CONFUSING! "INSERT LOCK BRACE G INTO BASE E WITH TAP BOLT F... SEE FIG. 5..."

Lady Vanity

E-Z to ASSEMBLE

The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Presents "HorizontAL & VertiCAL"

HALOOO! HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE OUR GRAND DEBUT!

AS YOU KNEW, IT WAS IN ISSUE TWO!*

*VERTIGO A GO GO!" Ed.

THANKS FOR WRITING TO SONIC-GRAMS AND ASKING TO SEE MORE OF US!

IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT AL AND CAL, WE'LL EXPLAIN!

zing

WE LIVE IN A SPECIAL SECRET ZONE WHERE THE NORMAL LAWS OF PHYSICS DON'T EXIST! ... WE HAVE NO GRAVITY... NO UP... NO DOWN...

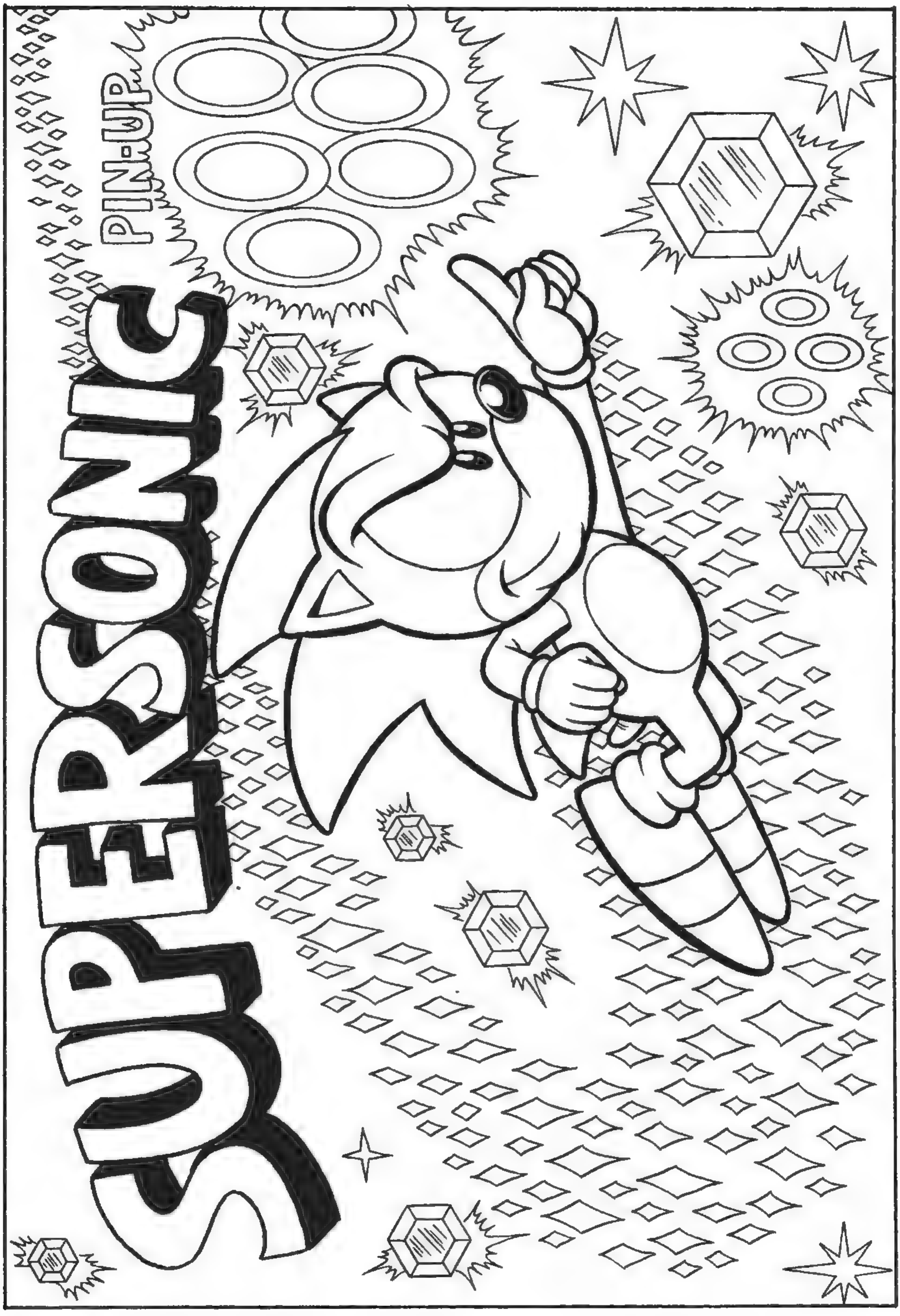
YEAH!

WHIFF!

BUT WE DO HAVE THE WICKEDEST CURVE BALL YOU EVER SAW!

STEE-RUH-HIKE ONE!

THE END


PIN-UP
SONIC
PERSONAL

FREE!* Robotnik BIRTHDAY CARD!

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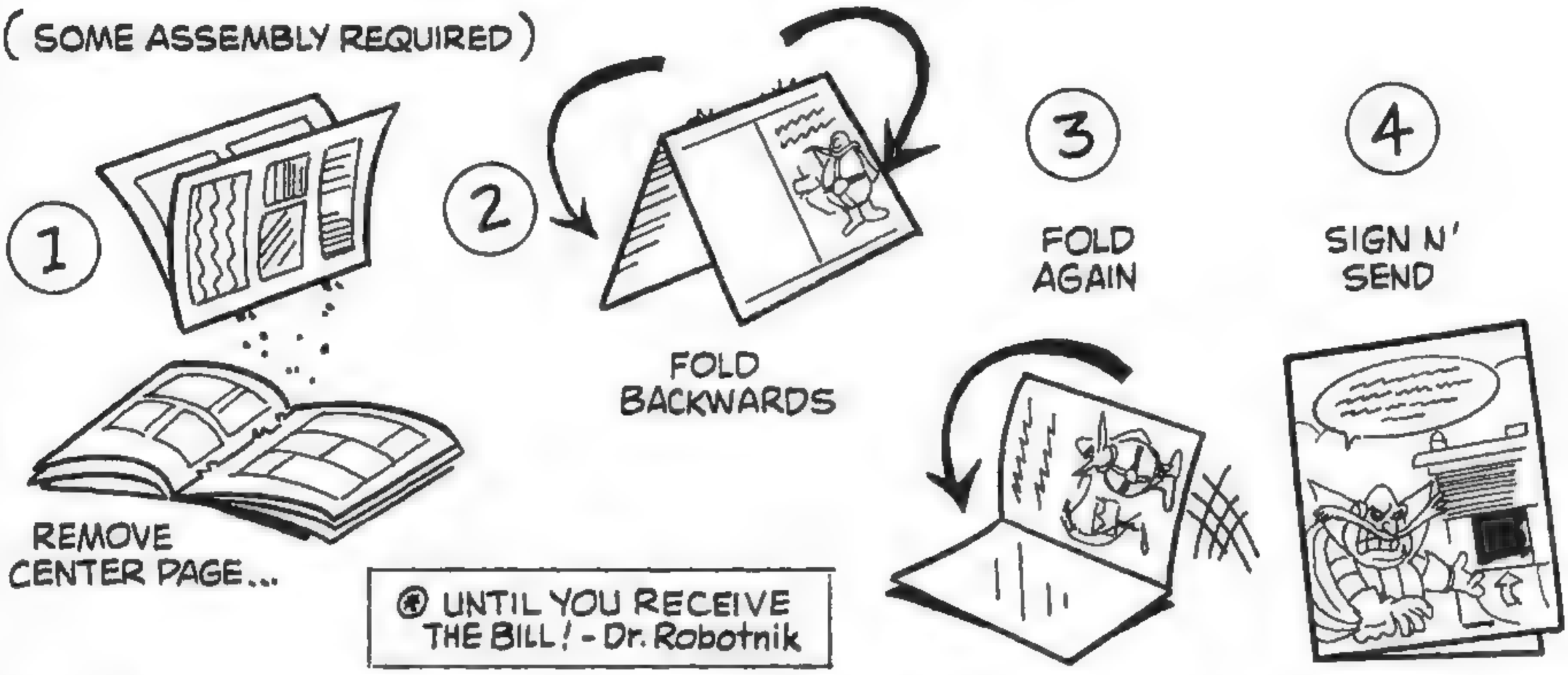
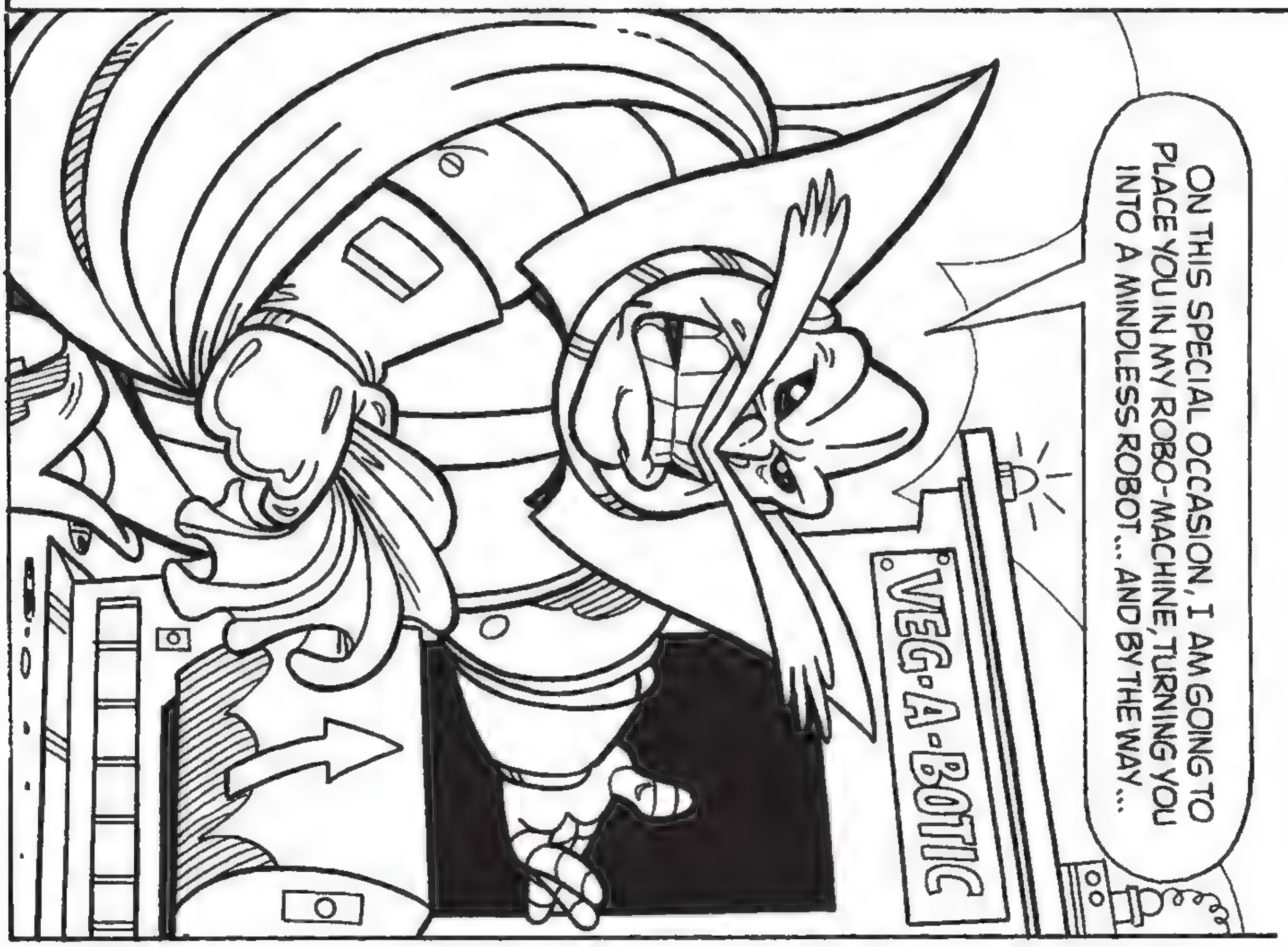
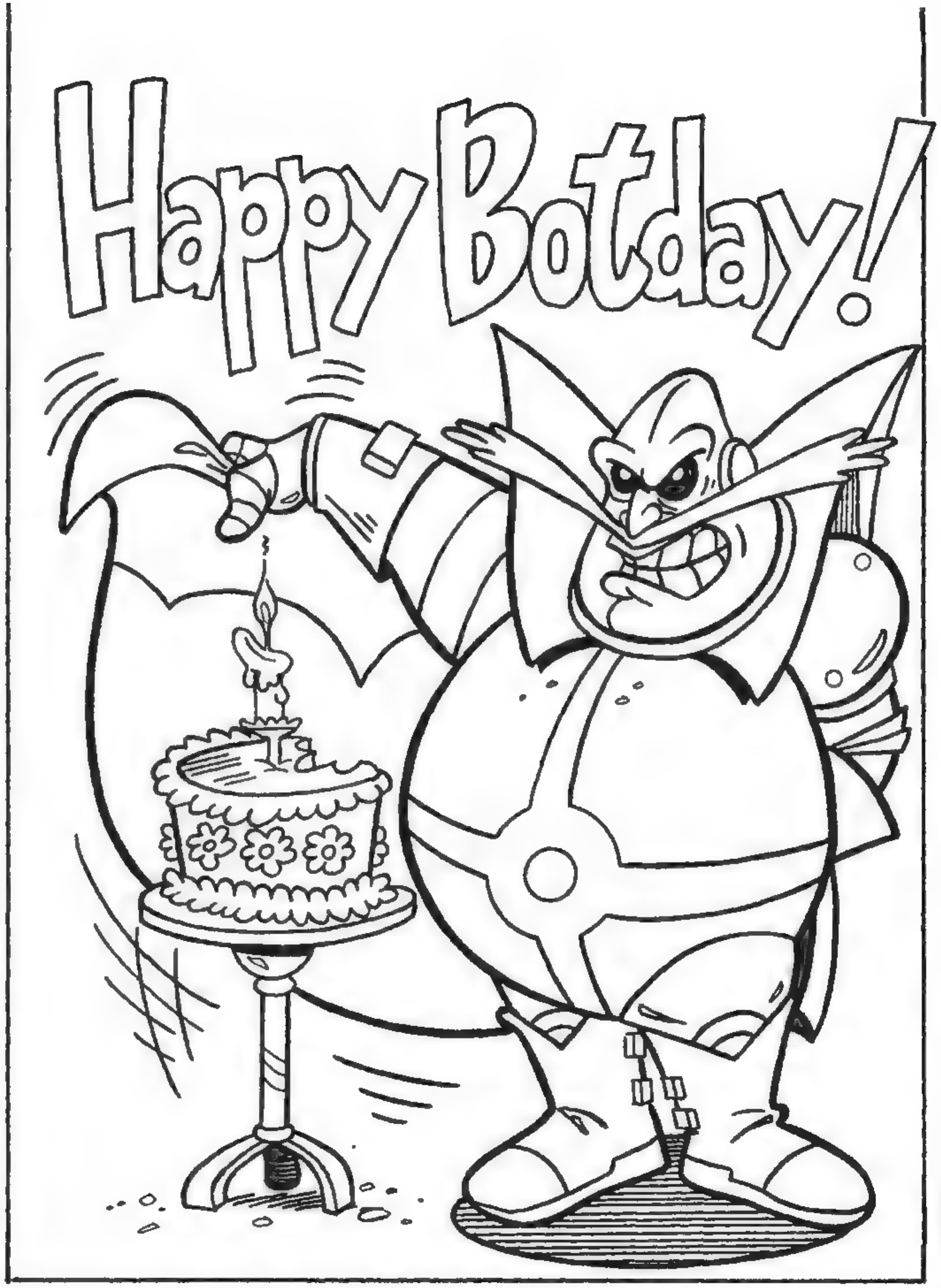


* UNTIL YOU RECEIVE THE BILL! - Dr. Robotnik




Happy Botday!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

"BAD-NIKS BAZAAR"

WILL NEVER ESCAPE ME A SECOND TIME!

I, COCONUTS, WILL BLOW HIM TO BITS WITH MY EXPLODING COCONUTS!

YOU TRIED THAT AND FAILED! BUT WE THE "6-S"* WILL NOT!

YEAH!

BLAMMO!

* SUPER SPECIAL SONIC SEARCH AND SMASH SQUAD - Ed.

NEXT TIME HE'LL BE PECKED INTO SUBMISSION BY SCRATCH, THE ROBOT CHICKEN!

NO NEED FOR THAT WITH GROUNDER AROUND! I SHALL LAUNCH A PAIR OF SURFACE-TO-SONIC MISGUIDED MISSILES!

FTOOM!

HEY! KEEP THE NOISE DOWN BACK HERE!

HMF!

SHOWOFFS!

:SIGH: THESE TRY-OUTS ARE HUMILIATING!

I'LL SAY!

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VILLAIN AUDITIONS
SIGN UP - TAKE A NUMBER

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THE END

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN HARE STYLING

ARE Y'ALL COMIN' TO MAH NEW BEAUTY SALON, SONIC?

Bunnie's

AH'LL BE GLAD TO STYLE YOUR LIL' OLE HEAD IN A MINUTE...AS SOON AS AH FINISH WITH PRINCESS SALLY!

YOU'VE OPENED UP A HAIR SALON?

JUST IN BETWEEN BATTLES WITH ROBOTNIK! AS YOU KNOW, BEIN' A HAYAH DRESSER IS MAH GOAL IN LIFE... HAVE A SEAT!

THANKS, BUNNIE!

C'MON IN, SUGAH... THIS ONLY TAKES A FEW SECONDS... ONE STYLE... NO WAITING!

ONE STYLE?

BUNNIE'S

SHO' NUFF... AH JUST DIP MY BIONIC BOOTIE IN THIS PUDDLE AND VOILÀ... *INSTANT PERMANENT!*

FRIZZ!

BZOT!

THAT'S A *HARE* RAISING EXPERIENCE!

BUNNIE'S HARE CARE INC.

The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IN TAILS' LITTLE TALE

IS EXHAUSTED AFTER THAT FEROCIOUS BATTLE IN THE FIRST STORY!... SO WE NEED TO LET HIM REST AND BE VERY, *VERY QUIET!*

SHHH!

Z...

TAILS IN HIS FIRST SOLO ADVENTURE!

I'LL TAKE OVER THE HERO CHORES WHILE HE NAPS!

WHAM! TWACK! BOP! THUD! NOK!

HM? HUH? WHA--?

OH, IT'S NOTHING, SONIC! JUST RELAX... ROLL OVER AND GO BACK TO SLEEP!

UMMH... UMCH... HUMMA-UM!

HAVE NO FEAR... THE GREAT FOREST IS SAFE UNDER THE WATCHFUL EYE OF TAILS!

Z...

SOON:

FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT I CAN SEE FOR MILES! IF ANY DANGER ARISES, IT WON'T ESCAPE MY SIGHT!

WELCOME BACK, IVO!

NOW THAT THE MENACE TO MOBIUS HAS PASSED, IT'S TIME FOR US TO REAPPEAR!

THIS COMPANY PICNIC HAS BEEN FUN, BUT NOW IT'S TIME TO GET BACK TO WORK!

HERE'S OIL IN YOUR EYE!

NOW GO, MY BEAUTIES! LET THEM QUIVER AT THE CATCH PHRASE: "ROBOTNIK RETURNS!" LEAVE NOTHING LIVING ALIVE! BURN! PILLAGE! TERRORIZE! JAYWALK!

FOLLOW ME, ORBINAUT! I SEE A FOOL ON THE HILL!

O-REE-OH...

YO-HO!

"AND HIS NAME IS TAILS!"

HEY!

AN EXCELLENT HOSTAGE!

PLUCK!

HOLD HIM STEADY SO I CAN USE HIM FOR TARGET PRACTICE!

NO! DON'T! WAIT!

STAY STILL!

DON'T WORRY... A MACE IN THE FACE WILL QUIET HIM DOWN... *PERMANENTLY!*

YIPE! WHAT WOULD MY HERO, *SONIC*, DO IN THIS SITUATION?

Zing!

FIRST OF ALL, HE'D MARK THIS THING "*RETURN TO SENDER*"!

TWACK!...

-WOKO!

UMF!

ugga!

ANSWER ME THIS, BUZZBOMBER... WHAT IS THE SOUND OF TWO TAILS *CLAPPING*?

SHMAK!

MY PATENTED TAILSPIN WILL KEEP ME ALOFT WHILE THOSE TWO BADNIKS EAT TERRA FIRMA!

FUMF!

BLAP!

WHAT A GLORIOUS VICTORY! I'M UNDEFEATED!

I'M THE MICHAEL JORDAN OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

I'M GONNA TAKE OUT ROBOTNIK SINGLE-HANDED! OLD BLUBBER BOLTS DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST *ME*! LUCKILY I'M NOT THE OVERCONFIDENT TYPE!

ROBOTNIK, INK.

BACK IN BUSINESS

KEEP OU

AHA! THERE'S HIS OBESE SILHOUETTE NOW!...INCREASE TO FULL SPEED!

♫ ♪♪ ♪...CHARGE!

I CAN ALSO DO A GREAT SHADOW PUPPET OF A COW...WHAT'S THAT?

SPLAT!

A FREEDOM FIGHTER!

OW!

IT IS THE ONE CALLED "TAILS"!

SOON HE WILL BE CALLED MANUAL LABORBOT #7692413!

Anybody get the truck of that number?

LET US INSERT HIM INTO THE ROBOT-MAKER!

NO PROTECTIVE HELMETS OR EYEGLASSES REQUIRED

EGAD! WHAT WOULD MY HERO SONIC SAY IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS?

ROBOT-MAKER

HE'D SAY, "DROP THAT FOX, SWATBOTS!"

UH-

SON-OOF!

OH!

IN

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NOT "SON-OOF"... *SONIC!* LUCKY THING I WOKE UP AND TAILED YOU, TAILS!

NOW YOU CAN TRASH THESE SWATBOTS!

NOT IF WE HIT OUR SELF-DESTRUCT BUTTONS, FIRST!

POK

ZOK

ALL RIGHT! NOW WE CAN - *WHOA!!*

NOW WE CAN *VAMOOSE!* ITS A SET-UP!

6-5-4-

3-2-1...

VROOM

EXIT

MOMENTS LATER...

WHA-✳-BOOM!

YOW! THOSE SWATBOTS!

THEY WERE RIGGED TO EXPLODE! WE JUST MADE IT!

SHORTLY...

WELL, TAILS... I HOPE THIS INCIDENT HAS TAUGHT YOU ABOUT PATIENCE!

ABSOLUTELY! FROM NOW ON, I *LOOK* BEFORE I LEAP!

CAUTION TREE STUMP REMOVED!

The End

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IT'S THE *HOTTEST* TITLE ON THE SHELF!

AND IT'S GOING *FAST!!*

IN THIS ISSUE "OLYMPIC TRIAL AND ERROR"

MANAK

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IN "OLYMPIC TRIALS and ERRORS (part I)

IS THE ONLY BASE-BALL PLAYER WHO CAN HIT A *LINE DRIVE* AND CATCH IT HIMSELF!

THAT'S WHY HE'S MY SPORTS HERO!

GOT IT!

THUNK!

BAM!

ZOOM!

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NOW I'LL HIT A *LONG FLY BALL*, TAILS!

AND SNATCH IT EVEN BEFORE IT HITS THE...

WHAM!

SONIC! ARE YOU OKAY?

I--I THINK SO, TAILS! NOW I KNOW WHAT PEOPLE MEAN WHEN THEY SAY THEY'RE STOPPED IN THEIR TRACKS!

WHAT IS THIS THING?

ROBOTNIK STADIUM?! WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?

ROBOTNIK STADIUM

IT WAS BUILT BY YOUR FUTURE MASTER, THE BELLYNESS OF JELLY-NESS HIMSELF, DR. ROBOTNIK!

A SWATBOT! WHAT'S YOUR EVIL CREATOR UP TO NOW?

THE GREAT ROBOTNIK WISHES TO CHALLENGE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, TO COMPETE IN THE FIRST (AND FOR YOU, THE LAST) ROBOTROPOLIS OLYMPIC GAMES!

IF YOUR TEAM CAN WIN ONE OUT OF FOUR EVENTS, MY MASTER PROMISES TO RETURN PLANET MOBIUS TO NORMAL...

...BUT IF YOU FAIL TO WIN AN EVENT, THEN YOU MUST ALLOW YOURSELVES TO BE TURNED INTO ROBOTS!

AND NOW, A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ROBOTNIK TO SONIC THE HEDGEHOG...

...YOU CAN'T BEAT US!-- NYAH-NYAH-NYAH-NYAH!

OOOOH! I HATE THAT!

TELL ROBOTNIK THAT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ACCEPT HIS CHALLENGE! IN FACT, I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT MY FRIENDS WILL SAY!

BACK AT KNOTHOLE FOREST...

NO WAY, SONIC!

IT'S GOT TO BE A TRICK, SONIC! ROBOTNIK NEVER KEEPS HIS PROMISES!

OH YES HE DOES, PRINCESS SALLY!

...HE PROMISED TO BE MEAN, GROSS, ROTTEN AND EVIL! AND HE IS!

I KNOW ROBOTNIK CAN'T BE TRUSTED, GANG, BUT IT'S WORTH THE RISK! AFTER ALL, WE CAN'T LOSE!

AND WHY NOT?

BECAUSE, ANTOINE, I, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, AM THE BEST ATHLETE ON THE PLANET MOBIUS! I'LL ENTER ALL THE EVENTS... AND WIN!

CAN I BE ON THE OLYMPIC TEAM, SONIC? CAN I, PLEASE? CAN I?

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS, TAILS! WHEN IT COMES TO ATHLETICS, YOU HAVE TWO LEFT TAILS!

IF ANYONE SHOULD BE ON THE TEAM, IT IS I, ANTOINE D'COOLETTE!.. CHAMPION FENCER OF MOBIUS!

EN GARDE!

SWISH---

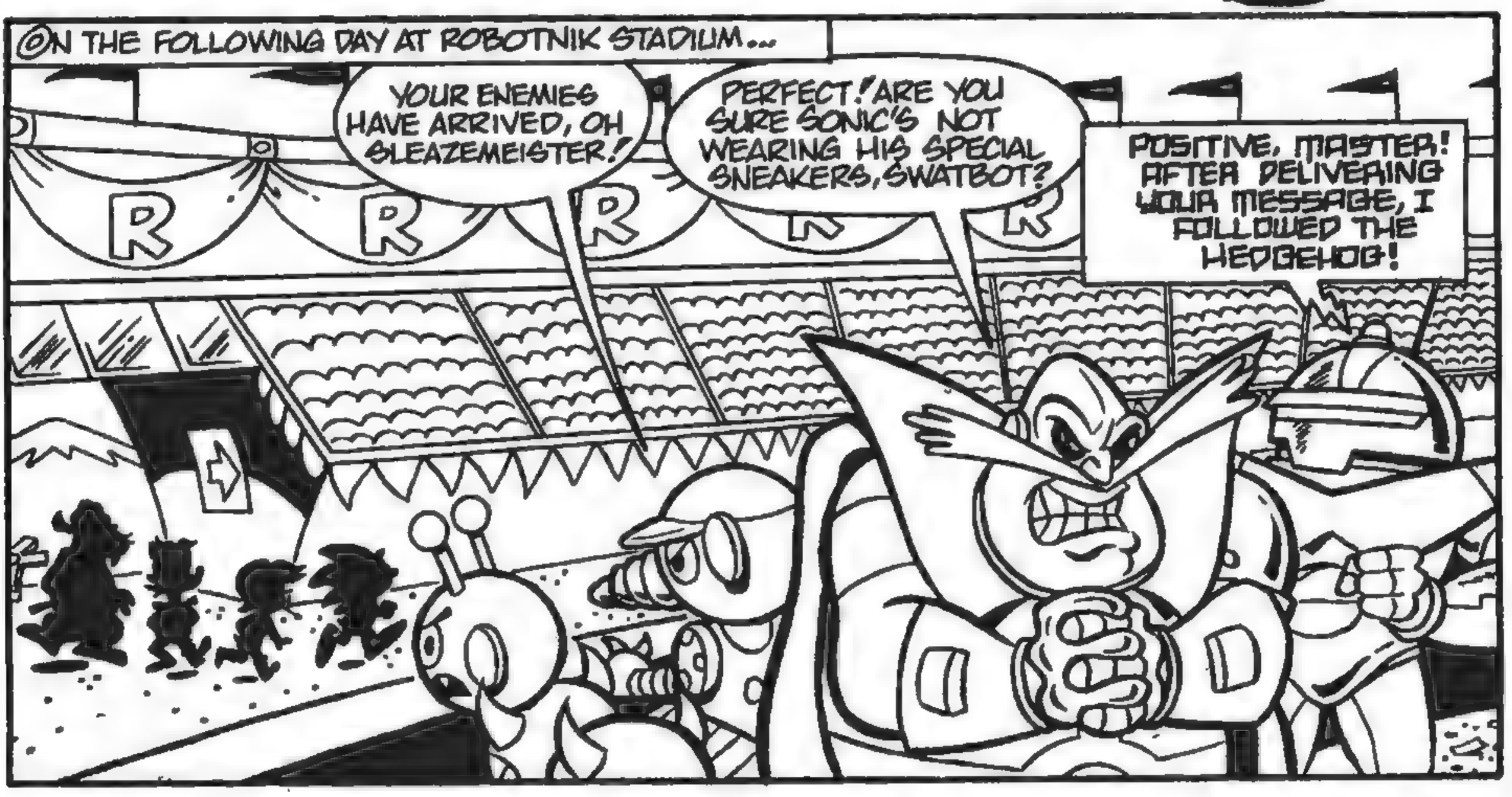
EEEE

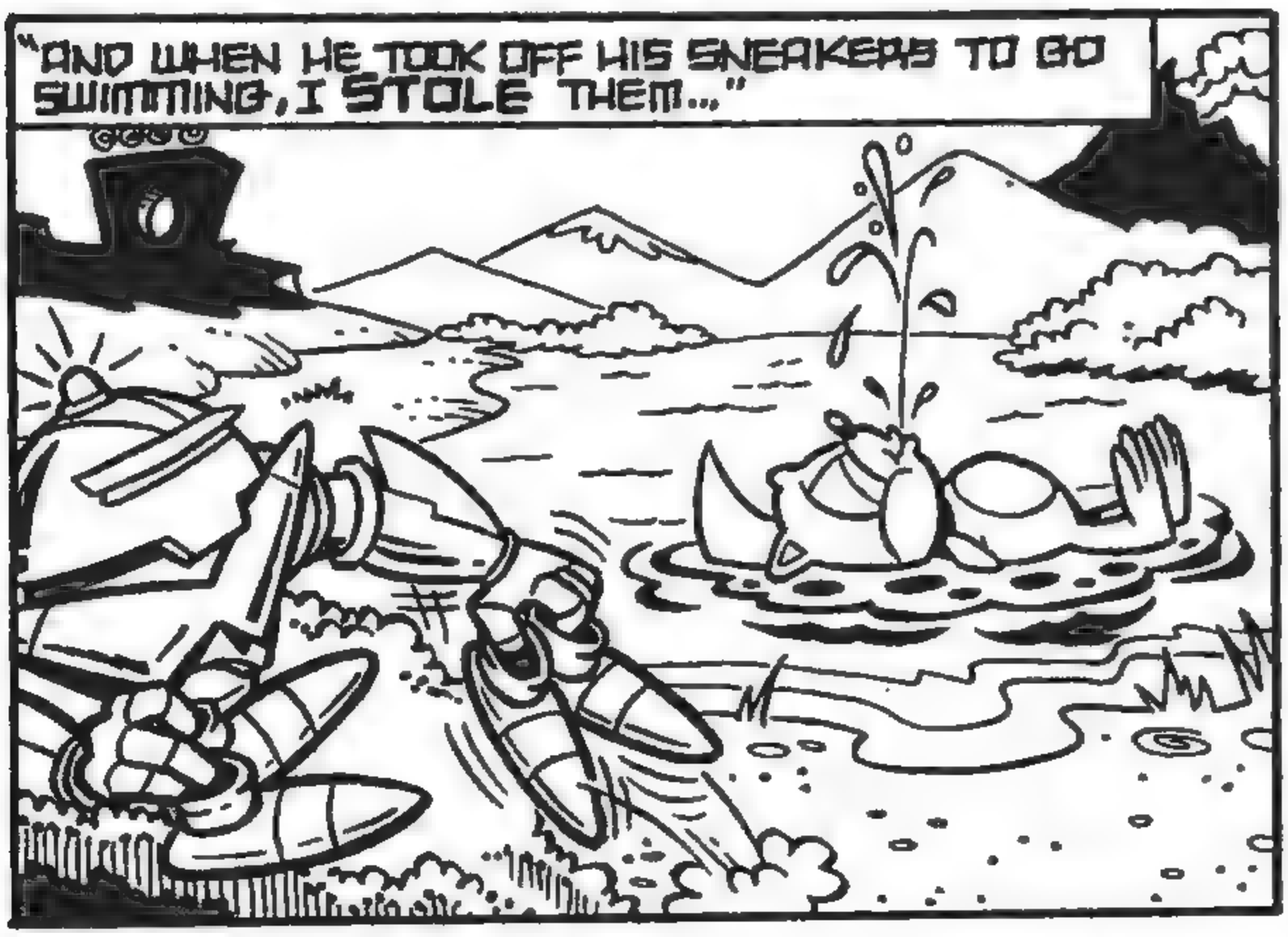
"Z" WHAT I MEAN?

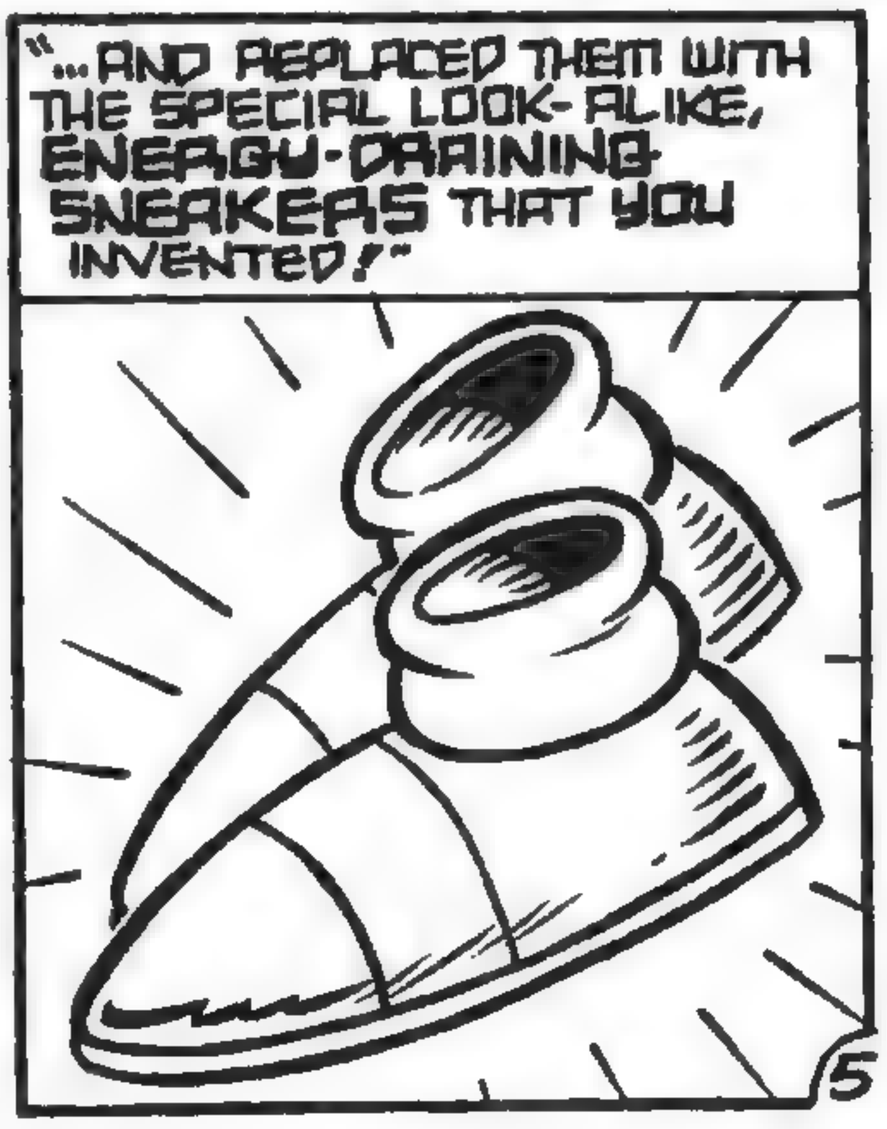
gulp!

=SIGH= ANTOINE IS RIGHT, GUYS! I'LL STAY HOME AND WATCH THE OLYMPICS ON RBV!*
BUT, TAILS...
WHA...?
* ROBOTNIK BELLY VISION- Ed.

HEY! I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA! I'LL DO A SCULPTURE OF SONIC TO SURPRISE HIM WITH WHEN HE WINS THE OLYMPICS!


ON THE FOLLOWING DAY AT ROBOTNIK STADIUM...
YOUR ENEMIES HAVE ARRIVED, OH SLEAZEMEISTER!
PERFECT! ARE YOU SURE SONIC'S NOT WEARING HIS SPECIAL SNEAKERS, SWATBOT?
POSITIVE, MASTER! AFTER DELIVERING YOUR MESSAGE, I FOLLOWED THE HEDGEHOG!


"AND WHEN HE TOOK OFF HIS SNEAKERS TO GO SWIMMING, I STOLE THEM..."


"...AND REPLACED THEM WITH THE SPECIAL LOOK-ALIKE, ENERGY-DRAINING SNEAKERS THAT YOU INVENTED!"
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EXCELLENT! WHAT DID YOU DO WITH SONIC'S SNEAKERS?

I THREW THEM IN THE TRASH, YOUR EVILNESS!

CLINK!

YOU METALLIC MORON! I WANTED TO PUT THOSE SNEAKERS IN MY TROPHY ROOM... RIGHT NEXT TO MY NURSERY SCHOOL 'BRAT OF THE YEAR' AWARD!

CLANG!

AH! THAT FELT GOOD! AND NOW... LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

LET'S GO, SONIC!

YOU CAN DO IT, SONIC!

REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENS TO US IF YOU FAIL!

CHILL, GANG! YOU'LL FEEL MORE CONFIDENT AFTER I DO A FEW SPLIT-SECOND WARM-UP LAPS AROUND THE TRACK!

HERE I GO!

ZZZUNK!

SONIC! WHAT'S WRONG?

I... I DON'T KNOW! I SUDDENLY FEEL WEAK AND TIRED... ALL MY ENERGY IS GONE!

I KNEW IT! GET OUT THE METAL POLISH!! WE'RE ALL DOOMED TO BECOME ROBOTS!

END of PART I

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

"IN" OLYMPIC TRIALS (PART II) and ERRORS!

HAS HAD HIS ENERGY DRAINED BY MY SNEAKY SNEAKERS!

I *WILL* WIN THE OLYMPICS! PREPARE THE *PORTABLE* ROBOT MAKING MACHINE!

SCOREBOARD

THEM - (LOSERS)

US - (WINNERS!)

YES, MASTER!

R

BOT ON THE SPOT

IN

OUT

HOLD ON, ROBOTNIK! IF SONIC CAN'T COMPETE, THEN ANTOINE, BOOMER AND I WILL TAKE HIS PLACE!

WE WILL?

VERY WELL, PRINCESS SALLY! I'LL *ENJOY* WATCHING YOU TRY TO DEFEAT MY TEAM OF EVIL AND POWERFUL BADNIKS!

GULP!

AND SO THE GAMES BEGIN WITH THREE EVENTS: THE LONG JUMP...

FIRST, THE PERFECT APPROACH!...

...THEN, THE PERFECT LEAP!...

...AND THEN THE PERFECT FLOP... LIKE MY EARS! LATER ON, 'TWAN!

SPRO'NG!

FLOP!!

...SWIMMING...

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN THE BEST SWIMMER IN THE FOREST!

ZOOM!

MAYBE, BUT AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, YOU'RE ALL WASHED UP! HA HA HA HA!

SPLASH!!

...AND WEIGHT LIFTING!

NNNNGH! NNNGH!

THERE! LET'S SEE ONE OF THE BADNIKS TOP THAT!

!!!

YOU WERE SAYING, DUMBBELL?

YOU'RE DOWN TO THE LAST EVENT, FREEDOM FIGHTERS! IT'S ALL OVER!...

...UNLESS ONE OF YOU CAN WIN A RACE AGAINST MY FASTEST FLYING BUZZBOMBER!! HOO-HOO-HA-HA-HAW!!

STARTING LINE

MEANWHILE...

I JUST NEED A FEW MORE PIECES OF SCRAP METAL FOR MY SCULPTURE!

Robotropolis JUNKYARD

YOW! THOSE ARE SONIC'S SNEAKERS! BUT HOW DID THEY GET HERE?

WITHOUT HIS SPECIAL SNEAKERS, SONIC WILL *NEVER* BE ABLE TO COMPETE IN THE OLYMPICS!

I'VE GOT TO GET THESE TO HIM... AND FAST!

ZOOM!

BACK AT THE RACE...

HAW! HAW! MY BUZZBOMBER IS SO FAR AHEAD, THE FREEDOM FIGHTER MIGHT AS WELL BE RUNNING BACKWARDS! HO HO HEE HEE!!

RUN, ANTOINE, RUN!

THIS IS JOGGING MY MEMORY!

IT'S NO USE, BOOMER! ONCE THAT BUZZBOMBER CROSSES THE FINISH LINE, WE'RE *FINISHED!*

NOT YET, PRINCESS SALLY!

SONIC!

STAND BACK! I'M GONNA KICK UP SOME DUST WITH HYPER-SONIC SPEED!

ZOOM!

heh, heh! I'LL WAIT UNTIL THE FREEDOM FIGHTER CATCHES UP BEFORE I ZIP ACROSS THE FINISH LINE!

PUFF! PUFF! PUFF!

FINISH LINE

HEY! WHAT'S THAT?

?!!

VROOOOM!

IT'S A CLOUD OF DUST! KOFF! KOFF! I CAN'T SEE!

I'D BETTER CROSS THE FINISH RIGHT NOW!

KOFF!

I DID IT! I WON THE RACE!

LOOK AGAIN, BUZZBRAIN!

STARTING LINE

YOU FLEW BACKWARDS AND CROSSED THE *STARTING* LINE! *ANTOINE* WINS THE RACE!

?!

FLOP!

FINISH LINE

SONIC'S GOT HIS REAL SNEAKERS BACK! DESTROY HIM!

SINCE YOU BROKE YOUR PROMISE, I'LL BREAK YOUR ROBO-MACHINE... WITH A SONIC SPIN!

VRZZZZZZZ

IN

BOT ON THE SPOT

PUT

HE SHORTED MY MACHINE! IT'S GOING TO EXPLODE! EVERYONE FOR HIMSELF!

KTZZ! SPLITTER!

BOT ON THE SPOT

CHILL TEAM! I PULLED OUT THE PLUG!

YOU SAVED US BY RUNNING HERE, TAILS! EVEN ANTOINE WILL ADMIT THAT YOU'RE A GOOD ATHLETE!

MAYBE HE'LL GIVE ME FENCING LESSONS, SONIC!

YOU MAY HAVE TO SETTLE FOR FAINTING LESSONS!

WAKE UP, ANTOINE! THE RACE IS OVER! YOU WON, ANTOINE!

OH PLEASE, LET THIS BE THE FINISH!

The End

KTV KNOTHOLE TELEVISION PRESENTS

SONIC'S TEN SECOND WORKOUT

FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE TO SPEND A LOT OF TIME EXERCISING!

HI! LET'S START BY SPINNING OUR FEET REALLY FAST FOR A FEW SECONDS!...

ZWEEEEEEEEE....

NOW TAKE A FEW MORE SECONDS TO RUN AROUND THE ROOM, FLOOR TO CEILING...

...FINALLY, TAKE THREE OR FOUR SECONDS FOR A QUICK DASH AROUND THE WORLD!

TRY NOT TO SLIP ON THE NORTH POLE!

AND YOU'RE DONE!...IF THAT WAS STILL TOO TIME CONSUMING, TRY BOOMER'S EIGHT SECOND WORKOUT!

BOING!

I SPEND EIGHT SECONDS TRYING TO TOUCH MY *TOES!* UNGH!

AND THE REST OF THE DAY TRYING TO *STRAIGHTEN UP!*

The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

#in "CHOMP ON THIS, CHUMP!"

SALLY, TAILS! LOOK AT THE GREAT ANT FARM THIS MAGAZINE IS OFFERING!

NOT NOW, BOOMER! WE'RE TRYING TO REMOVE THE SPOON FROM SALLY'S PANCAKE BATTER!

I MAY HAVE USED TOO MUCH FLOUR AND NOT ENOUGH WATER!

NNGH!!

BAM!

OOF!

OOF!

POP!

SIGH! NOW I'M SURE I DID!

I'M SORRY, BOOMER! WHAT WERE YOU SAYING ABOUT YOUR AUNT'S FARM?

IT'S AN *ANT FARM*, SONIC! TAKE A LOOK!

UH...THAT'S REALLY NEAT, BOOMER! BUT WHY AN ANT FARM?

YOUR VERY OWN ANT FARM!

WATCH 'EM WORK!

COOL!

WATCH 'EM PLAY!

WATCH 'EM SAY "UNCLE"!

GEE, SONIC... WHAT COULD BE MORE EXCITING THAN WATCHING A COLONY OF ANTS CRAWL AROUND INSIDE A GLASS CASE?

HOW ABOUT *NOT* WATCHING THEM CRAWL AROUND INSIDE A GLASS CASE?

VERY FUNNY, SONIC!

I'M GOING TO MAIL MY ORDER FORM RIGHT AWAY!

SOON...

IT *WORKED!* ONE OF THOSE FREEDOM FIGHTERS MAILED AWAY FOR MY *PHONY ANT FARM!*

ROBOTROPOLIS Population: ENSLAVED! L.R.

HURRY UP AND MAIL HIM THAT PACKAGE, BEFORE THERE'S NO PACKAGE LEFT TO MAIL!

YES, OH SULTAN OF SLOBBINESS!

CHOMP! CHOMP! CHOMP!

MAIL

HAW! HAW! HAW! THANKS TO THAT ANT FARM WE CAN *ANT-TICIPATE* THE END OF *SONIC* AND HIS FRIENDS VERY SOON!

AT KNOTHOLE FOREST...

IT'S HERE! IT'S HERE!

SECRET ENTRANCE TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE... SHHHH!

MY VERY OWN ANT FARM! I CAN'T WAIT TO WATCH THEM FOR HOURS AND HOURS AND HOURS...

YAWN! HOW THRILLING! WHERE ARE THE ANTS, BOOMER?

IN THIS METAL JAR! AND FROM THE SOUND OF IT, THEY'RE MIGHTY HUNGRY!

CHOMP! CHOMP!

DANGER

DO NOT OPEN

HUH?!

PING!

POP!

THUMP!

CHOMP! Chomp! CHOMP! CHOMP! CHOMP!

MY OAK TABLE... IT'S *GONE!*

THE ANT ATE IT!

chomp-chomp!

MAYBE IT'S AN *ANT*-EATER!

THAT'S *NOT* AN *ANT* AT ALL, ANT...

...IT'S A *TERMITE!*

Chomp! chomp!

I'VE NEVER SEEN A TERMITE LIKE THAT BEFORE! LET'S SEE IF IT'S IN MY BUG BOOK! "THE *INSECT-LOPEDIA*"!

HERE IT IS! IT'S CALLED A *TERMITE-NATOR*, AND IT CAN EAT ANYTHING MADE OF *WOOD* OR...

The TERMITE-NATOR (Pesticus eatimus)

CHOMP! CHOMP! Chomp! CHOMP! CHOMP!

...*PAPER!* !!!

NOW IT'S EATING THE CHAIRS! I WON'T STAND FOR THIS!

YOU MAY HAVE TO *STAND* FOR IT, ANTOINE!

THAT'S NOT THE WORST PART, GANG! ACCORDING TO THE BOOK, THE MORE WOOD A TERMITE-NATOR EATS...

CHOMP! CHOMP!

...THE MORE IT GROWS...

CHOMP! CHOMP!

...AND GROWS...

AND GROWS!

GULP! I JUST THOUGHT OF SOMETHING ELSE!

THE FOREST THAT HIDES AND PROTECTS OUR HOME, KNOT-HOLE VILLAGE, IS ALMOST ENTIRELY MADE OF WOOD FROM THE TREES!

OH, NO! THAT MEANS THE TERMITE-NATOR WILL KEEP EATING UNTIL THE FOREST IS COMPLETELY GONE!

SOON, WE'LL HAVE NO FOREST TO HIDE IN!

WOODEN YOU KNOW IT!

A SHORT WHILE LATER...

CHOMP! CHOMP! CHOMP!

THAT WAS OUR LAST PIECE OF FURNITURE, SONIC!

AND THIS IS OUR LAST BOOK!

OH, SONIC! NOT MY FAVORITE COOK-BOOK!

SALLY!

ISN'T THAT THE COOKBOOK YOU USED TO MAKE YOUR... UH... *EXTRA THICK* PANCAKE MIX YESTERDAY?

WHY, YES, BUT...

QUICK! READ ME THE *EXACT SAME* INGREDIENTS THAT YOU USED!

THIS CALLS FOR A *NEW SONIC SPEED*...

MICRO-WAVE SPEED!

WELL, I USED *TEN CUPS* OF *PANCAKE* FLOUR!

...MIX IN A *DOZEN EGGS*...

...EIGHT STICKS OF NON-FAT, NON-DAIRY, LO-CAL, HIGH-OCTANE MARGARINE...

...AND BY ACCIDENT ONLY *ONE TEASPOON* OF WATER!

GOT IT!

DINK!

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SONIC! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

BOING!

UP TO THE SURFACE FOR A HOLLOW LOG!

I'M BACK, DUDES!

HERE, BUG-BREATH CHOMP ON THIS YUMMY LOG!

MMMM!...

ZOOM!

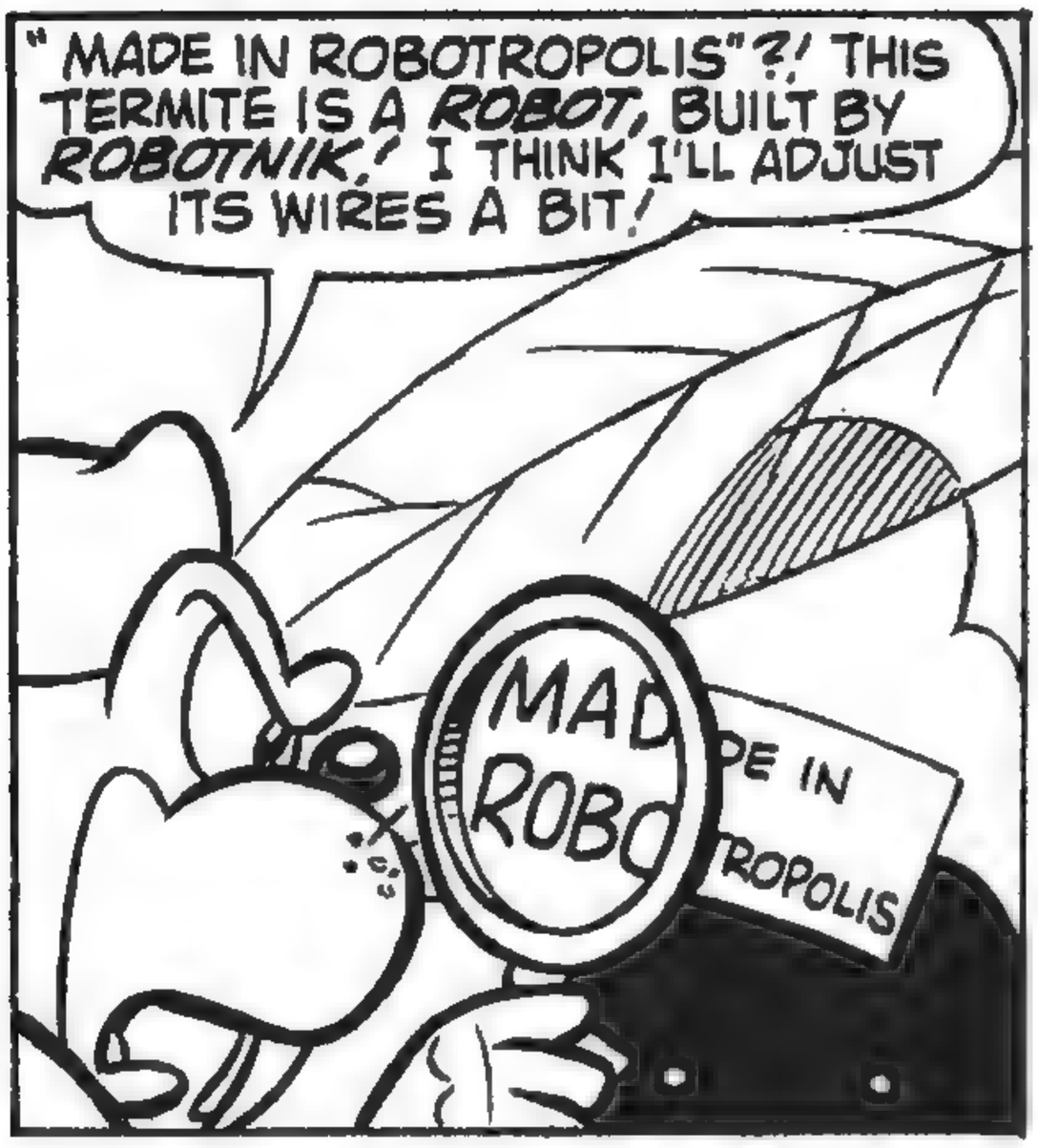
CHOMP!

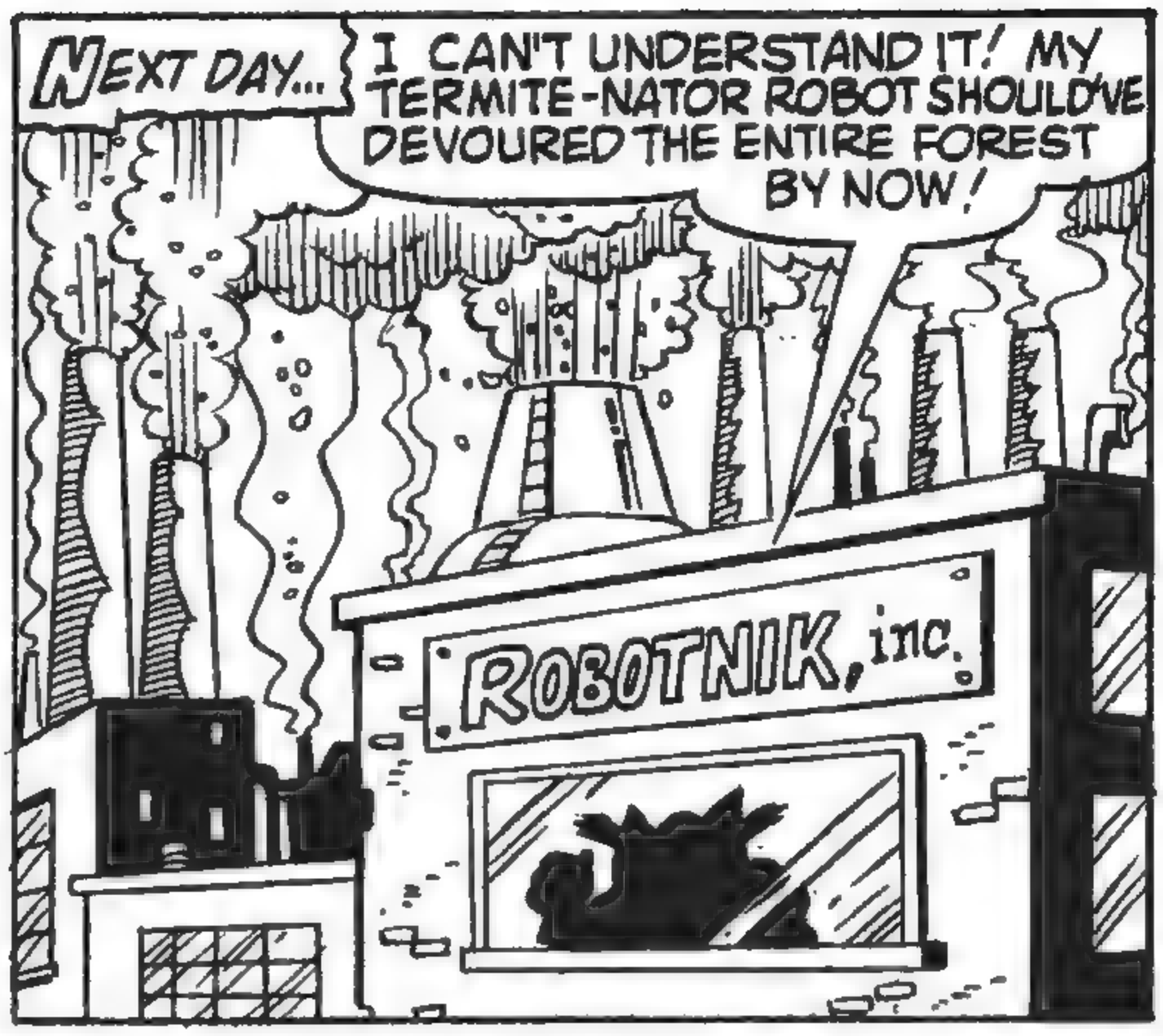
MMPHF!

MMPHF! MFF!

I FILLED THE LOG WITH SALLY'S PANCAKE BATTER! NOW HIS JAWS ARE *CLAMPED SHUT!*

I THINK I'LL HAVE A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS TERMITE!


"MADE IN ROBOTROPOLIS"?! THIS TERMITE IS A ROBOT, BUILT BY ROBOTNIK.' I THINK I'LL ADJUST ITS WIRES A BIT!
MADE IN ROBOTROPOLIS


NEXT DAY...
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! MY TERMITE-NATOR ROBOT SHOULD'VE DEVOURED THE ENTIRE FOREST BY NOW!
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A LARGE WOODEN CRATE ARRIVED FOR YOU, MASTER!
FOR ME? HURRY AND OPEN IT, HARDWARE HEAD! PERHAPS IT'S A PRESENT!
TO: ROBOTNIK

I'VE NEVER HAD A PRESENT BEFORE, ONLY HATE MAIL AND...
EEP!
ZIP!

LATER...
MORE METAL! FEED HIM MORE METAL BEFORE HE EATS US ALL!!!
MUNCH!
MUNCH!

BOOMER TURNED ROBOTNIK'S BUG INTO A METAL-MUNCHER! ISN'T THAT IRONIC?
The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG in "FAST FOOD!"

YO, DUDES! BEING THE WORLD'S FASTEST HEDGEHOG HAS MANY ADVANTAGES! FOR INSTANCE...

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CALLED BECAUSE YOUR DINNER IS GETTING COLD?

WELL WATCH THIS...

SONIC! YOUR DINNER IS GETTING...

WHOOSH!

GULP!

...COLD!

...ERT!

SEE? I'VE STARTED EATING MY DINNER BEFORE SALLY EVEN *FINISHED* HER SENTENCE!

MUNCH! MUNCH! MUNCH!

OF COURSE, THERE'S SUCH A THING AS BEING *TOO FAST!*

SONIC, WHY DID YOU EAT THAT BOWL OF *WAX FRUIT?*

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IS HARD ENOUGH WITHOUT HAVING TO WEAR *THIS!*

I TOLD YOU: THIS IS A *"COMIC BOOK TIE-IN!"*

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG in THE SPIN DOCTOR!

WILL LEAD US INTO BATTLE!

CHARGE, Y'ALL!

FOLLOW ME, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

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THIS SURPRISE ATTACK ON ROBOTNIK'S FACTORY WILL SHUT HIM DOWN ONCE AND FOR ALL!

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HUH?

SCRREEECH!

WOW! THAT WAS FAST!

SHUT DOWN ONCE AND FOR ALL! I.R.

SONIC:

"SONIC - I HAVE MOVED MY ROBO OPERATIONS DEEP INSIDE THE MT. MOBIUS ACTIVE VOLCANO! YOU'LL NEVER STOP ME NOW, SO DON'T EVEN TRY! - R."

IT'S A TRAP!

DON'T DO IT!

SIGH: I MIGHT AS WELL BE TALKING TO THE WIND!

YOU ARE, PRINCESS, YOU ARE!

FOOOOOSH!

SOON:

WOW! HIS VEG-O-FORTRESS SITS ON AN ISLAND PROTECTED BY A SEA OF LAVA!... AND WHAT ARE THESE RAILS FOR?

YOU ARE HERE!

ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU, MR. SOON-TO-BE-DEEP-FRIED HEDGEHOG! :chuckle:

1 2 3 START 3 4

TWACK!

YEOW!

WHOOP! YIPE! WHOA! HOT SOUP! HOO-HA!

LOOK OUT!

NO WAY!

SSSS!

SSSS!

SSS!

SSSS!

I GET IT NOW! THESE ARE LIKE PINBALL RAILS! OKAY, ROBOTNIK... HERE I COME!

PERFECT! HE'S HEADED STRAIGHT INTO THE VEG-O-FORTRESS! THAT HOT DOG HOG DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE!

ONCE SONIC IS ELIMINATED, THIS NEW VEG-O-CONVERTER WILL ROBOTICIZE THE PLANET AND ROBOTNIK WILL RULE AT LAST!

THIS PINBALL DEFENSE SYSTEM REMINDS ME OF THE CASINO NIGHT ZONE!*

THESE TOXIC CAVES ARE FULL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE! I'LL BET THERE'RE SOME SERIOUS MUTATED ROBOTS DOWN HERE!

=snicker= YEAH... LIKE ME!

* IN SONIC (THE COMIC BOOK) #1 AND SONIC (THE SEGA GAME) #2 - Ed.

SAY "HELLO" TO REXXON... OR AS MY ENEMIES* CALL ME.. ULP!

CHOMP!

"ULP"?

* REXXON DOESN'T HAVE ANY FRIENDS!

I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET THE BOSS OF THIS ZONE... SCORPIUS!

THIS WHOLE SITUATION STINGS!

HISSSSSSSSSSSS!

THIS OUGHTA GET THEIR HEADS SPINNING...

BOING! BOING! BOING!

BOING! BOING! BOING!

TOO BAD THESE BOTS WEREN'T MORE LEVEL-HEADED!

SNARL!... SONIC MANAGED TO GET PAST THE CAVES... BUT HE'LL NEVER LIVE THROUGH THE NEXT LEVEL!

NYAH, NYAH, BLUBBERBUTT!

H-O-T

OIL

M-O-T

END OF THE RAIL TRAIL! TIME TO HOP A FREIGHT CAR!

TO: LAVA POWERHOUSE

G'DAY, SONIC! WE'RE *HIP* AND *HOP*! TWO KANGAROOS THAT ESCAPED ROBOTNIK!

WATCH OUT FOR THE *FERRONS* UP AHEAD, MATE!

THANKS, AUSSIES!

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HOW KANGA-RUDE THOSE TWO FUGITIVES WERE! BUT I'LL ROBOTICIZE THEM AFTER SONIC'S DEMISE!

LET'S HOP OUT OF HERE, HIP!

I'M HIP, HOP!

MEMO'S 2 ROO'S

YOW! FERRONS TO THE LEFT OF ME! FERRONS TO THE RIGHT OF ME!

LIKE THEY SAY... "ALL'S *FERRON* LOVE AND WAR"...

POK!

POK!

POK!

POK!

...AND I LOVE THIS WAR!

AAAAARGH!

YO-ROBO! I HAVEN'T HAD THIS MUCH FUN SINCE I PUT THOSE METRIC BOLTS IN YOUR ROBOXER SHORTS!

WHINE!

YELP!

BAAA

MEOW!

SIGH!

MOAN!

MOO!

CHIRP

BOO HOO

QUACK!

HUCK

NEIGH!

SOB!

SNIFFLE

*

OINK!

WAAAH!

RIBIT!

THAT SOUNDS LIKE HELPLESS ANIMALS IN DISTRESS! BUT WHERE ARE THEY?

* THAT'S A GIRAFFE- *Editor*

OOF!!

I THINK I'M ABOUT TO FIND OUT!

FLIP!

BWOING!

Time Machine Round Level 3

LAND HO!...

THUD!

...AND HOW!... OW!

I WAS RIGHT! A WHOLE BUNCH OF CAPTIVE ANIMALS!

ROBOTNIK'S PLANNING TO TURN US ALL INTO 'BOTS!

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT... HEY! WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?

LOOK OUT BEHIND YOU!

*

CHOMP!

LEAPIN' BLIZZARDS! A HUGE, HEDGEHOG-MUNCHING PLANT!

Boing!

DOZENS OF 'EM! I HATE TO DISAPPOINT YOU BOTANICAL BADNIKS, BUT I'VE GOT AN APPOINTMENT WITH YOUR BOSS!

ZIP!

ZOOM!

Zing!

TO ROBOTNIK

BOOB

WOOSH!

Boing!

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...THEN AGAIN...

TO ROBOTNIK

NOT!

KLANG!

TRAPPED LIKE A ROBO-RAT!

HUH?

EXACTLY! YOU ALMOST GOT THROUGH MY VEG-O-FORTRESS PIN-BALL DEFENSE SYSTEMS, SONIC...

LEVEL FOUR: SHOWDOWN!

.. BETTER LUCK NEXT TIME!

YEOW!

GAME OVER

TWANG!

AS MY PAL ARNOLD SAYS, "I'LL BE BACK!"

WHOOOSH

ULP!

IF I SURVIVE THIS FALL!

GRAB HOLD, SONIC! PRINCESS SALLY PUT ME ON HOVER PATROL JUST IN CASE!

GOOD WORK, TAILS! I HAVE A FEELING THIS ISN'T MY LAST TRIP INTO THAT VOLCANO!*

The End

* WANT TO SEE MORE SPINBALL? WRITE TO "SONIC-GRAMS"-Editor

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG in Here Comes The Bribe!

TIME TO READ ANOTHER COMPLIMENTARY FAN LETTER...

SONIC-GRAMS

THIS ONE'S FROM BRANDON TWILLEY OF MILFORD, DELAWARE... HE SAYS-- "I WANT TO SEE MORE OF ANTOINE!"

WOT?

Ahem... BRANDON CONTINUES: "I THINK ANTOINE IS THE NOBLEST FREEDOM FIGHTER OF ALL... HE'S BRAVE AND LOYAL...

...HE PUTS UP WITH YOUR PRACTICAL JOKES...

...AND MORE THAN ONCE, HE'S PULLED YOUR FAT OUT OF THE FIRE!*"

*-BRANDON'S RIGHT! THE ABOVE SCENE IS FROM SONIC'S MINI-SERIES #2-Ed.

HARUMPH!..."IN FACT, I THINK THE COMIC BOOK TITLE SHOULD BE CHANGED TO "ANTOINE!"--THAT DOES IT! SOMETHING'S FISHY HERE!

"DEAR BRANDON, THANKS FOR WRITING THAT LETTER I ASKED YOU TO! ENCLOSED IS YOUR CHECK!"

NO SPITTING

AHA!

ANTOINE

The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG HERE...

CHARLES DICKENS WROTE "A CHRISTMAS CAROL" IN 1843. SINCE THEN, THIS CLASSIC HAS APPEARED IN THOUSANDS OF DIFFERENT VERSIONS! MINE IS DEFINITELY THE *FASTEST!*

SONIC'S CHRISTMAS CAROL!

Part 1

ROTOR CRATCHIT, HAVE YOU BEEN SAYING THAT I'M A PENNY-PINCHING, TIGHT-FISTED, EVIL MISER?

NO, MR. SCROOGE! I ONLY SAID YOU SHOULD SPEND SOME MONEY ON REPAIRING THE *ROOF!*

Rent-a-Hat

Pinch

Pinch

1¢

1¢

THE BUCK STOPS HERE! (CAUSE IT'S MINE!)

THE *SNOW* IS GETTING A BIT DEEP, Y'KNOW, SIR!

I'LL DECIDE WHEN TO SPEND MY MONEY, CRATCHIT!

EMPLOYEES: STOP USING THE STOVE TO KEEP YOUR LUNCH COLD! *Robotnik!*

ANGELO DECESARE
WRITER

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INKING

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SINCE YOU'RE IN A BETTER MOOD THAN USUAL, SIR, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU FOR THE *DAY OFF* TOMORROW! I WANT TO SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH MY FAMILY!

GIVE GREED A CHANCE!

A DAY OFF?! CRATCHIT, YOU KNOW THAT MY FACTORY MUST RUN AT *PEAK EFFICIENCY TWENTY-FOUR* HOURS A DAY, ALL YEAR LONG!...

"HOW ELSE CAN I FINALLY ACHIEVE MY MASTER PLAN OF TURNING EVERY LIVING BEING ON PLANET MOBIUS INTO A ROBOT?"

IN

SCROOGE-ROBOTNIK'S INSTANT MAKEOVER

THIS MACHINE WILL:

1. MAKE YOU A NEW PERSON! *(Well, it will make you new!)*
2. DO AWAY WITH BAD FEELINGS! *(In fact, all feelings!)*
3. MAKE DOCTORS UNNECESSARY! *(But you will need a mechanic!)*

OUT!

PLEASE, MR. SCROOGE, I PROMISE THAT I'LL MAKE UP THE TIME!

VERY WELL, CRATCHIT...

...THE FIVE MINUTES I ALLOW YOU FOR LUNCH IS NOW REDUCED TO *ONE MINUTE* FOR THE NEXT *TEN YEARS!* BETTER GET USED TO FAST FOOD! HOO-HA-HEE-HEE-HAAAA!!

ROBOTNIK & SNARLEY

NOW, GET GOING BEFORE I TURN YOU INTO A ROBOT, WRAP YOU UP, AND SEND YOU TO YOUR FAMILY AS A CHEAP CHRISTMAS PRESENT!

PTU!

Y-YES, SIR! M-MERRY CHRISTMAS!

"MERRY CHRISTMAS"?!?!

BAH HUMBOT!

Rent-a-Hat

THAT NIGHT, AT SCROOGE ROBOTNIK'S INDUSTRIAL MANSION...

ALL THOSE WHO'S DOWN IN WHOVILLE... I MEAN, ALL THOSE WRETCHED PEASANTS DOWN BELOW HATE ME... AND JUST BECAUSE I HAVE *EVERYTHING* AND THEY HAVE *NOTHING*.

ROBOTNIK'S ILL-MANOR
Beware of Owner.

WELL I'M JUST GOING TO SIT HERE AND EAT MY PETROLEUM PUDDING UNTIL (*UGH!*) CHRISTMAS EVE IS OVER! SOON MY MASTER PLAN WILL BE COMPLETED!

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AND THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER CHRISTMAS!

HEY! WHAT HAPPENED TO MY VIDEO OF RUBBISH BURNING IN A FIREPLACE? THE T.V. SET MUST BE BROKEN!

CLICK! CLICK! CLICK! CLICK! CLICK!

IT'S *NOT* BROKEN, SCROOGE! I'M A T.V. *GHOST!* THE GHOST OF YOUR OLD PARTNER-IN-EVIL, *JACOB SNARLEY!*

OIL

SNARLEY! I MUST HAVE TUNED INTO THE *ALL-IDIOT* CHANNEL BY MISTAKE!

YOUR LIFE IS THE ONLY "*MISTAKE*", SCROOGE! FOR YEARS I HELPED YOU TURN LIVING BEINGS INTO ROBOTS!

NOW, I'M A T.V. GHOST, *DOOMED* TO SPEND ETERNITY GOING FROM T.V. SET TO T.V. SET! WHEN I THINK OF THE *INFOMERCIALS* I'VE BEEN FORCED TO WATCH!

OOOOOHHH!!!

STOP! WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS, SNARLEY?

I COME AS A *WARNING* TO YOU, SCROOGE! CHANGE YOUR EVIL WAYS, (AND YOUR DEODORANT) OR MEET THE *SAME FATE* THAT *I* HAVE!

OIL

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CHANGE MY EVIL WAYS?! NEVER!

DON'T BE A TURKEY, SCROOGE! TONIGHT, YOU'LL BE VISITED BY THREE SPIRITS, MY BACK-UP TEAM! YOU'D BETTER...

OIL OIL OIL

BAH-HUMBOT!!

SMASH!

MIDNIGHT...

MOTHER

NO SPIRIT CAN BOTHER ME! I'M *INVINCIBLE* AND *ALL POWERFUL*... ESPECIALLY IF I STAY UNDER THE COVERS!

EEK! WHAT'S THAT?

ZOOM!

OH, THERE YOU ARE!

A *HEDGEHOG!!* WH-WHY ARE YOU SKATEBOARDING AROUND MY BEDROOM?

Screech

CHILL, BOT DUDE! I'M THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS *FAST*... er, I MEAN *PAST*-- YOUR PAST... LET'S CHECK IT OUT!

NO! GO AWAY!

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SORRY, BUT MY JOB IS TO SHOW YOU A BLAST FROM THE PAST! REMEMBER THAT NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO SEE OR HEAR YOU! (A PLEASANT THOUGHT!)

BEHOLD! YOUR FIRST CHRISTMAS WITH UNCLE CHUCK AND SONIC!

♪Jingle Bots♪ ♪Jingle Bots♪

OIL

FINISH TRIMMING THE TREE KIDS, WHILE I FIX YOU SOME LUNCH!

YES, UNCLE CHUCK!

HEE HEE HEE! I'LL USE UNCLE CHUCK'S TRACTOR TO KNOCK DOWN THE CHRISTMAS TREE!

THEN PIN THE BLAME ON SONIC!

CHARGE!

HAW! HAW! EVEN AS A BOY I WAS WONDERFULLY ROTTEN!

!!

End of Part I

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

IN "SONIC'S Christmas Carol!" part II

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IS RUNNING AT SUPER SPEED AND DIGGING A DITCH AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE TO PROTECT IT FROM THE TRACTOR!

DRAT! I REMEMBER HOW THAT CURSED LITTLE HEDGEHOG ALWAYS USED TO SPOIL MY FUN!

NOW TO FINALLY GET MY REVENGE!...

GAAAAH!!

SPLAT!

YUCK! CHRISTMAS MUSH! WHERE AM I?

YOU'RE IN THE HOME OF ROTOR CRATCHIT AND HIS FAMILY... AND I'M THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS *PRESENT!*

HEY EVERYBODY! LOOK AT THIS NEAT PACKAGE THAT JUST ARRIVED!

Do Not Open 'til X-MAS!

HAW! HAW! THAT'S THE *BOMB* I MAILED TO ROTOR CRATCHIT AND HIS FAMILY OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

I WONDER WHO SENT IT?

THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN AFFORD TO SEND GIFTS IS THAT FIEND ROBOTNIK!

IT LOOKS LIKE A TURKEY!

THE GIFT, OR ROBOTNIK?

WHY DON'T WE OPEN IT UP, FOLKS?

THAT'S RIGHT, YOU FOOLS! OPEN IT! *OPEN IT!*

SONIC! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

?

?

?!

SORRY, GANG! BUT IF THIS *IS* FROM ROBOTNIK, WE CAN'T RISK OPENING IT!

I'LL MARK IT "*RETURN TO SENDER*"!

WHAT?!

ZOOM!

HE'S FOILED ME AGAIN! LET ME AT THAT MEDDLING HEDGEHOG AND I'LL...

YOU'RE FORGETTING THAT HE CAN'T SEE OR HEAR YOU! BESIDES, IT'S TIME TO BE MOVING ON...

I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE ELSE TONIGHT! I'M GETTING *MOTION SICKNESS!* NOW PUT ME BACK BEFORE I...

WHERE'D HE GO?...

...AND WHAT KIND OF PLACE HAVE I BEEN BROUGHT TO?

HAR! HAR! WHAT A RIDICULOUS-LOOKING OLD COOT! HAW! HAW! HO! HO! HOO! HOO!

THAT "OLD COOT" HAPPENS TO BE YOU, SCROOGE!

ME?!

THAT'S RIGHT! I'M THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS *FUTURE*! YOU'VE SPENT YOUR WHOLE LIFE *DESTROYING* THE PLANET AND TRYING TO COMPLETE YOUR MASTER PLAN!...

...UNTIL YOU'VE BECOME NOTHING BUT A BROKEN PISTON--RUSTED OUT BY *GREED* AND *EVIL*!

!!

HEH-HEH!

WHO ARE THEY?

THAT'S ROTOR CRATCHIT'S FAMILY OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS--GROWN OLD AND TIRED FROM YEARS OF OPPOSING YOU!

SO, YOU SEE EVEN IF YOU DEFEAT THEM, THERE'LL BE NOTHING *LEFT* TO RULE OVER!

ROBOTNIK SCROOGE, I'M ASKING YOU TO *GIVE UP* YOUR *EVIL WAYS* BEFORE YOU END UP A PILE OF RUINS IN A SCRAPYARD *YOU* CREATED! THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE!

UH...WELL... I...ER...SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT ...I ...UM...

WHAT'S THAT SOUND...

HUH?

AT LAST! THE MOMENT I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR! THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE *TOO SLOW* TO ESCAPE MY GIANT ROBOT! I'VE WON! *Hee Hee! Hoo Hoo! Ha Ha!* (KOFF! KOFF!)

HEAR *THAT*, YOU FUTURISTIC *FAT-HEAD*?! VICTORY WILL SOMEDAY BE MINE!! LONG LIVE GREED AND EVIL!

NOT SO FAST, SCROOGE! IT'S ME... *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG*! TO THE RESCUE ONCE AGAIN!

NOT SO FAST IS RIGHT, HEDGEHOG!

YOU'VE LOST ALL YOUR SPEED! FOR YEARS YOU'VE STOPPED MY EVIL SCHEMES...BUT NOT ANYMORE! MY ROBOT WILL CRUSH YOU!

TIME FOR A SONIC SPIN... OOCH!!

...OING!

THUNK!

ROBOTNIK SCROOGE? THIS PACKAGE FOR YOU WAS MAILED FOURTH CLASS... THE SLOW WAY!

WHAT'S THIS? A BOX MARKED "RETURN TO SENDER"?

RETURN TO SENDER

OH, NO! THAT'S THE BOMB I SENT TO ROTOR CRATCHIT AND HIS FAMILY SIXTY YEARS AGO... THE ONE SONIC MAILED BACK TO ME!

STOP! DON'T OPEN THAT!! YOU'LL BE BLOWN TO...

...BITS!

BA-DA-BOOM!

SONIC! WAKE UP! YOU ALMOST SLEPT THROUGH CHRISTMAS!

HUH?... WHA...? I MUST'VE BEEN DREAMING...

MOBIUS SWEET MOBIUS

DID YOU SAY "CHRISTMAS"?

...OH NO! WE'RE UP TO THE LAST PAGE OF THE STORY!

IF I USE WARP-SONIC SPEED I'LL HAVE JUST ENOUGH TIME TO DO SOMETHING *VERY IMPORTANT!*

FOOOOM!

AND THAT IS, TO WISH YOU, READER...

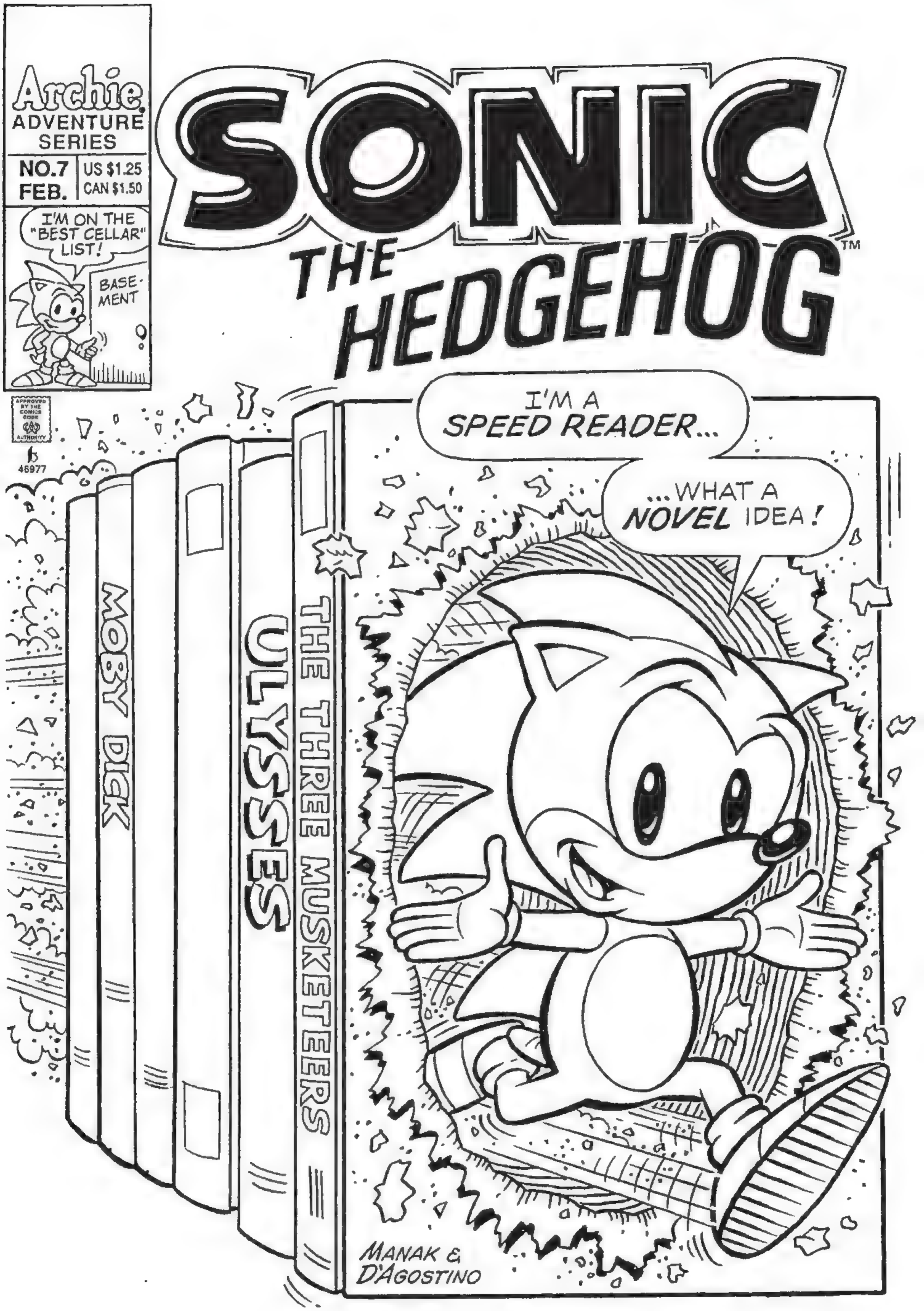
...HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

FROM ME AND ALL THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

WE'RE DREAMING OF A BLUE CHRISTMAS!

BAH! HUMBOT!

The End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IN "UNCLE CHUCK'S TREASURE!" Part I

WANNA TRY OUT THIS SEESAW? I MADE IT MYSELF!

COOL, TAILS! THAT'S THE FIRST *SEESAW* I'VE *SEEN* SINCE I *SAW* EVIL ROBOTNIK OUTLAW FUN AND GAMES!

OH, *WOW!* A *SEESAW!* CAN *I* HAVE A RIDE?

UH-OH!

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YIPPEE!

BOING!

THUNK!

KA-SPLASH!

MMF! MMPH!

ULP! SORRY, TAILS! I GUESS I FORGOT HOW THESE THINGS WORK!

POP!

I'LL CATCH YOU, TAILS!

BOP!

OW!

GOTCHA!

THANKS, SONIC!

HEY! THIS FELL OUT OF THE HOLE THAT TAILS MADE IN THE CEILING!

OH BOY! CONNECT THE DOTS!

NO, ROTOR, IT'S A MAP SHOWING WHERE MY UNCLE CHUCK BURIED HIS *MOST IMPORTANT TREASURE!*

MOBIUS NATURAL PARK

FOREST 1

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UNCLE GREATEST CHUCK'S TREASURE

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4 MTS.

5 JUNGLE

6

7 LAKE

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A TREASURE? BIG DEAL!

SINCE ROBOTNIK TOOK OVER OUR PLANET, MONEY HAS NO VALUE!

YEAH! NOW LOTS OF THINGS ARE *WORTH MORE*... LIKE CHEWED UP GUM, RUSTY PAPER CLIPS, PEANUT SHELLS, DIRT...

UNCLE CHUCK

YOU'RE ALL FORGETTING THAT UNCLE CHUCK WAS OUR GREATEST INVENTOR...

HIS TREASURE COULD BE SOMETHING MAGICAL THAT WILL GIVE US THE POWER TO *DEFEAT ROBOTNIK* ONCE AND FOR ALL!

SOON:

ACCORDING TO THIS MAP, THE TREASURE IS BURIED IN THE MIDDLE OF MOBIUS NATURAL PARK!

BE ON YOUR GUARD, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

...IF ROBOTNIK OR HIS BADNIKS SPOT US, *WE'LL* BE THE BURIED TREASURES!

THAT'S A CHANCE WE HAVE TO TAKE, SALLY!

WE'RE HERE, DUDES! I CAN'T WAIT TO ROLL IN THE GRASS, SMELL THE EXOTIC FLOWERS, SWIM IN THE CRYSTAL LAKE, AND...

MOBIUS NATURAL PARK

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YAAAAAA!

WH-WHAT HAPPENED TO THE NATURAL PARK?

IT LOOKS MORE LIKE A *SUPERNATURAL* PARK!

ROBOTNIK'S BEEN USING IT AS A *DUMPING* SITE FOR HIS *RAW SEWAGE* AND *TOXIC WASTES!*

NOW WE'LL *NEVER* FIND THE TREASURE!

MOBIUS NATURAL PARK

DID YOU HEAR THAT, X-369? THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE SEARCHING FOR A TREASURE!

OUR MASTER ROBOTNIK WILL REWARD US FOR THIS INFORMATION, X-448! HE MAY EVEN TREAT US LESS NASTY THAN USUAL!

WE CAN'T ALLOW ROBOTNIK'S POLLUTANTS TO *STOP* US... C'MON, GANG!

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LATER...
...NEXT WE WALK SIX PACES PAST THE EVERGREEN TREE...
...WHICH IS NOW A NEVER GREEN TREE...
THEN TEN PACES PAST WHAT USED TO BE PARADISE POND...
AND IS NOW PESTI-CIDE PUDDLE!
:KOFF! THESE CHEMICALS ARE GETTING TO ME, SONIC!
I'LL FINISH FOLLOWING THE MAP, SALLY!
AT...
...SUPER...
...SONIC...
...SPEED!
ZOOM!
ZOOM!
ZOOM!
SCREEEEEECH!
MOBIUS NATURAL PARK
ALL RIGHT, THE "X" IS STILL HERE! LET'S START DIGGING!
CHECK IT OUT, GUYS!
A SINGLE FLOWER MANAGED TO SURVIVE THE POLLUTION!
BLAM!
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THANK YOU FOR FINDING YOUR UNCLE'S TREASURE FOR ME, SONIC! TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION, I'M GOING TO CAPTURE YOU ALL AND *TURN YOU* INTO *ROBOTS*... JUST LIKE *UNCLE CHUCK!*

KER-BLAM!

I THINK HE'S TRYING TO PIN THE '*BLAM*' ON US!

OUR BEST CHANCE IS TO RUN IN DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS!

GOOD IDEA, PRINCESS!

BLAM!

THEY'RE SEPARATING! *SPLENDID!* IT WILL BE EVEN MORE FUN HUNTING THEM DOWN *ONE* BY *ONE*! READY? GET SET... CHARGE!!

End Part I 6

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN "UNCLE CHUCK'S TREASURE!" PART II

YOU CAN'T HIDE FOREVER! SINCE YOU'RE NOT A ROBOT, EVENTUALLY, THE *POLLUTION* WILL *DESTROY YOU!* *HAR! HAR! HAR! HAR!*

OIL

I HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT ROBOTNIK IS RIGHT! NONE OF US FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL LAST LONG IN THIS TOXIC ENVIRONMENT!

UNLESS I CAN FIND A WAY TO MAKE THIS WASTELAND WORK *FOR* US INSTEAD OF *AGAINST* US!

BEFORE IT'S *TOO LATE!*

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SURRENDER...OR YOU'LL FEEL THE DRILL OF *BURROBOT!*

GULP! SOUNDS LIKE A "*DRILLING*" EXPERIENCE!

WHRRR!!

YO! BURROBOT! IS THAT YOUR NOSE...

!!

SKREEE!

...OR DID SOMEBODY SMASH AN ICE CREAM CONE IN YOUR FACE?

I'LL SHOW YOU, HEDGEHOG!

WHRRR...

GOING UP!

BOING!

THUNK!

DANGER

!!!

SSSS...

YOU SHOULDN'T STICK YOUR NOSE WHERE IT DOESN'T *BELONG*... CAUSE IT WON'T *BE LONG* ANYMORE!

HALP!

HIGH POTENCY ACID

DANGER

HONEST, GUYS, I'LL MAKE A LOUSY ROBOT!... I RUST EASILY!

TOO BAD, WALRUS! TUSK! TUSK!

NOW TO DO MY BEST IMITATION OF ROBOTNIK!

YOU TIN-PLATED TWITS! PUT DOWN THE WALRUS AND MARCH TO THE RIGHT *NOW*!!

AS YOU COMMAND, MASTER ROBOTNIK!

?!

BUMP!

SPLOT!

GLOOP!

SPLAT!

WE APPEAR TO BE STUCK IN A PUDDLE OF TOXIC OOZE!

OOZE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS?

THAT'S *SWAT* YOU GET, SWATBOTS!

UH-OH! THE BUZZBOMBER HAS SALLY TRAPPED ON A LEDGE!

THERE SHE IS! I'VE GOT HER NOW!

PUFF-PUFF! I CAN'T RUN ANYMORE! I'M TOTALLY EXHAUSTED!

HANG ON, SALLY!

ZOOM---

I CAN'T GO ANY FURTHER, SONIC!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO!

HEY BUZZBOMBER! YOUR FAMILY TREE HAS HIVES!

I'LL GET YOU FOR THAT, HEDGEHOG!

WHAM!

OIL

WHEE! IT WAS MIGHTY SLICK OF ME TO USE THIS OIL SPILL TO ESCAPE!

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YUCK!

I KNEW THAT BUZZBOMBER COULDN'T TAKE A LITTLE NEEDLING!

SPLAT!!!

I DON'T SEE ROBOTNIK ANYWHERE, SALLY! LET'S FIND THE OTHERS AND DIG UP THE TREASURE!

SOON...

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! THERE REALLY IS A TREASURE!

IT'S SO EXCITING!

YOU EARNED THIS TREASURE, SONIC! FIGHTING OFF THE BADNIKS WAS A GREAT *FEAT!*

THANKS, SALLY!

WAIT! DID YOU JUST SAY 'FEAT'?

FWOING!

SURPRISE! THIS IS WHAT IS MEANT BY A *NET* GAIN! *HAW! HAW!*

GIVE US BACK OUR TREASURE, ROBOTNIK!

THE PLEASURE... I MEAN THE *TREASURE* IS *ALL MINE!* EEEYAHAHAHA!

ARE'NT YOU GOING TO TRY TO GET IT BACK, SONIC?

NAH! I'M JUST NOT AS SENTIMENTAL AS UNCLE CHUCK, SALLY!

HUH?

?

VROOM!

WHEN SALLY SAID THE WORD "FEAT" I FINALLY REMEMBERED WHAT DEAR OLD UNCLE CHUCK THOUGHT OF AS HIS TREASURE!

Sniff...

?

LET'S GET BACK TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE, GANG! WE DON'T WANNA BE AROUND WHEN ROBOTNIK OPENS THAT CHEST!

?

?

WHILE BACK IN ROBOTROPOLIS...

I SUGGEST WE STAY OUT OF HIS WAY FOR A FEW DAYS...UNTIL HE CALMS DOWN...

...OR HE'LL DESTROY US ALL!

TSK! TSK! SUCH A FUSS OVER A PAIR OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG'S BRONZED BABY SHOES!

SONIC

ANOTHER DE-*FEET* AT THE *HANDS* OF SONIC!

The End

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN THE SHADOW NOSE!

AWRITE... I'M READY FOR YOU...

PUDDEMUP!

SONIC LAUNCHES A FLURRY OF LEFT JABS!

Bopita Bopita Bopita Bop!

FOLLOWED BY A SERIES OF BODY BLOWS!

SOK! BAM! POOM!

A LEFT-RIGHT COMBINATION!

THOK-POK!

- AND ANOTHER HOOK TO THE MIDSECTION!

WHUMP!

HIS OPPONENT IS REELING... SONIC DELIVERS A KNOCKOUT PUNCH... A FEROCIOUS UPPERCUT!

THWOP!

WHEN YOU CAN MOVE FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF LIGHT, "SHADOW BOXING" TAKES ON NEW MEANING!

THE End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

IN DETAILS ARE SKETCHY!

A ROUND HEAD... YES... LIKE THAT!

AND A BLACK NOSE...

OH, NO... NOT NEARLY THAT BIG!

THAT'S BETTER...

BUT WAIT... THE EARS WERE POINTY!

GETTING THERE...

... BUT HIS EYES WEREN'T BEADY AT ALL!...

YES-THAT'S HIM! THE *THING* THAT TRASHED ME!

NOW THAT'S WHERE I DRAW THE LINE!

LOOKS LIKE A *POOR*TRAIT TO ME!

THE END

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN "Sorceress in Distress"

WE'VE ALL GOT OUR COSTUMES FOR THE ANNUAL *FRIGHT NIGHT* PARTY!

I'M DRESSED AS A *BAD REPORT CARD!*

PRETTY SCARY, ROTOR! I'M A TWO-TAILED SKUNK!

I'M AN EVIL SORCERESS, BUT MY COSTUME WON'T BE COMPLETE UNTIL I FIND A *STICK* TO USE AS MY MAGIC STAFF!

FOR YOUR PROTECTION, I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU IN THE FOREST, PRINCESS SALLY!

REPORT CARD

SPELLING	F
MATH	D-
GEOGRAPHY	F
HISTORY	D+
SCIENCE	F-
ART	F
MUSIC	Z+

DANGER
POISON IVY

FORGET IT, ANTOINE! I'M TIRED OF YOU AND SONIC ACTING AS MY *BODYGUARDS!* I CAN LOOK AFTER MYSELF!

BUT PRINCESS, THINK OF THE *DANGER* IF YOU RUN INTO THAT FIEND, ROBOTNIK, OR ONE OF HIS SWATBOTS!

THAT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO THE DANGER YOU TWO WILL BE IN IF I CATCH YOU BABYSITTING ME!

BACK OFF! THAT'S AN ORDER!

SOON...

THIS IS EXACTLY THE KIND OF STICK I WAS LOOKING FOR! HEE! HEE! MAYBE IT *REALLY* IS A MAGIC STAFF...

...THAT A *REAL* SORCERESS DROPPED WHILE SHE WAS WALKING IN THE WOODS! THAT WOULD BE *SO* COOL!

UNKNOWN TO SALLY AT THAT MOMENT, AN UNDERGROUND GEYSER IS ABOUT TO BURST FORTH FROM BENEATH A NEARBY ROCK!

ROCK

GEYSER

SSSHHH! SLEEPING GOPHER!

Z

IF THIS *WERE* A MAGIC STAFF I'D SAY TO THAT ROCK, "*ARISE, ROCK*, I COMMAND *YOU!*" AND UP IT WOULD...

...*RISE!?*

I...I DID IT! I MADE THE ROCK RISE! IT'S MAGIC!

WHOOSH!!

?

WHAT SALLY DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT SHE'S BEING WATCHED BY A SECRET (BUT SLEAZY) ADMIRER!

THERE SHE IS, CRABMEAT! THE ONE I'VE BEEN *WAITING* FOR ALL MY LIFE!

YOU MEAN SOMEONE WITH A CURE FOR BAD BREATH?

FOREST VIEWER

NO, YOU NIT-WITTED NAIL CLIPPER! I MEAN A WOMAN WITH *POWER* EVEN GREATER THAN *MINE*!

WHAM!

WITH SUCH POWER AT MY DISPOSAL, I COULD FINALLY SLAM-DUNK SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS FREEDOM FIGHTERS...

I COULD TAKE OVER THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE...

...MAYBE I COULD EVEN STAR IN MY *OWN* COMIC BOOK AND TV SERIES!

WHY, I THINK I'M IN LOVE!

SOON...

...I SAID, "ARISE, LOG!"

?

"...*ARISE*! *ARISE*!" OKAY, FORGET IT!

YEAH, THIS IS REALLY A MAGIC STAFF... *NOT*!

MAYBE I HAVEN'T BEEN SAYING THE RIGHT MAGIC WORDS! MAYBE I SHOULD SAY...

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EEEEEK!

CONGRATULATIONS, YOU LUCKY WOMAN! IT IS I THE GREAT ROBOTNIK! I SEE YOU ARE ALREADY SWEPT OFF YOUR FEET BY MY CHARM AND GOOD LOOKS!

I WILL NOT WASTE TIME SPEAKING OF MY EMOTIONS... SINCE I DO NOT *HAVE* ANY! LET THESE GIFTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES...

... A BEAUTIFUL BOUQUET OF LIVING-BEING EATING WEEDS!

SNAP!

SNAP!

SNAP!

AN ECONOMY-SIZE BOX OF *BOT-BONS*... CHOCOLATE ON THE OUTSIDE, *MOTOR OIL* THE INSIDE! YUM!

AND FINALLY A (YUCK!) 'LOVE' POEM: "PLEASE BE MY WIFE, NOT FOR BETTER FOR *WORSE*--WE'LL RULE OVER MOBIUS WITH THE POWER OF OUR *CURSE*!"

!!

JUST THINK OF ALL THE *EVIL* WE CAN DO TOGETHER! OH, MIGHTY SORCERESS, WILL YOU MARRY ME?

HUH?!... UH, I MEAN... WELL, UM... THAT IS...

ROBOTNIK DOESN'T *RECOGNIZE* ME IN THIS COSTUME! I'VE GOT TO PLAY ALONG OR I'LL END UP IN A ROBOT MAKING MACHINE!

UM... CAN I HAVE TIME TO *THINK* ABOUT IT?

OF COURSE! AND WHILE YOU THINK ABOUT SAYING "*YES*", I'LL PREPARE OUR SPECTACULAR, BUT PRACTICAL *WEDDING CEREMONY!*

OH NO!

ROBOTNIK IS RUNNING OFF WITH SALLY!-- IF I TRY TO SAVE HER SHE'LL *KNOW* I WAS KEEPING AN EYE ON HER!

♪ TUM-TUM TA-TUM ♪

I'LL FOLLOW THEM, BUT STAY OUT OF SIGHT!

THAT AFTERNOON... INHABITANTS OF ROBOTROPOLIS, NOT SINCE *I*, ROBOTNIK, TOOK OVER THIS PLANET, HAS THERE BEEN A REASON TO CELEBRATE...

...OF COURSE ANYONE WHO DARED TO CELEBRATE WOULD HAVE BEEN *DESTROYED!*

ROBOTNIK HAUL

ALL PARTS OF THIS BUILDING HAULED BY SLAVES!

TODAY, I WILL ALLOW TEN *SECONDS* OF CELEBRATION, AS SOON AS THE SORCERESS AND I ARE MARRIED BY MY NEW WED-O-MATIC COMPUTER!

YIKES!

THE RING PLEASE!

SAY "I DO"!

YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE!

SALLY'S REALLY IN A TOUGH SPOT! HOW CAN I HELP HER WITHOUT HER KNOWING IT?

...BUT BEFORE WE BEGIN THE WEDDING CEREMONY...

...MY BRIDE-TO-BE WILL GIVE US A DEMONSTRATION OF HER MAGICAL POWERS!

I... I WILL?

UNLESS, OF COURSE YOU'RE NOT A SORCERESS AND ARE SIMPLY TRYING TO MAKE ME LOOK FOOLISH!

HEY! I CAN MAKE HIM LOOK FOOLISH...

GULP!

... WITH A LITTLE *SONIC SORCERY!* A WARP SPEED *SPIN* WILL MAKE ME INVISIBLE!

ZOOM!

UHH... YOU SAID A ... ER... DEMONSTRATION, RIGHT? ... UM... NOW LET'S SEE...

I'M *WAITING.**

TAP! TAP! TAP!

* WHAT OTHER FAMOUS CHARACTER SAYS THAT? — EDITOR

OW! WHAT HIT ME?!

YOWTCH! SOMETHING STOMPED ON MY *FOOT!*

HEY! WHO DID THAT?!!

??

OOF!

CRASH!!!

THE *EVIL SORCERESS* DID THIS TO ME WITH HER *MAGIC!*

THE WEDDING IS *OFF! DESTROY* HER!

SHE'S FLYING AWAY, MASTER!

?!?!

ON THE FOREST...

YOU CAN PUT ME DOWN NOW, SONIC! I KNOW IT'S YOU!

I'M SORRY, SALLY BUT I WAS ONLY TRYING TO PROTECT YOU!

I REALIZE THAT, SONIC...

HERE'S A KISS TO SHOW YOU MY APPRECIATION!

!!

SMACK!

BAM!

AND THAT'S FOR DISOBEYING MY ORDERS!

OWW! WITCH WAY DID SHE GO?!

The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN "PRINCESS CRUISES"

BUT, PRINCESS SALLY... ONE DAY IT WILL BE A HUGE FLEET!

NO THANK YOU, ANTOINE!

PATROLLING THE SEVEN SEAS OF MOBIUS... FOR THE GLORY OF THE HOUSE OF ACORN!

DO YOU HAVE A HEARING PROBLEM, MISTER?

WITH YOU AS THEIR INSPIRATION, OUR FUTURE NAVAL OFFICERS WILL PROUDLY DEFEND OUR PLANET!

SSSSSSS...

NOW HEAR THIS! I SAID "NO" AND I MEAN NO!

Snarl...

I GUESS SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE REMEMBERED AS "THE FACE THAT LAUNCHED A SHIP!"

TOLD YOU SO, 'TWAN!

S.S. SALLY

The End

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN 'BOT'S ALL, FOLKS!

Part I –

COMIC BOOKS WERE FOUND IN THE POSSESSION OF THIS CRABMEAT ROBOT, OH FLABBY LEADER!

HEY, DON'T BEND MY COLLECTOR'S ITEMS!

WHAT?!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

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YOU HAVE BROKEN ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S RULES!*

NO
1. READING!
2. LAUGHING!
LIVE PLANTS!
6.
7.
8.
9.
10.

*FOR A COMPLETE LIST, SEE ISSUE #3.- Editor

AND YOU KNOW WHAT THE PENALTY IS...

ulp!

:chuckle: OH BOY!... I LOVE SEEING OTHER BOTS GET PUNISHED!

A ONE-WAY TRIP TO THE SPARE PARTS SEPARATOR!

B-BUT, M-MASTER! I DID IT FOR *YOU*!

HA! A LIKELY STORY!

INSERT 'BOT

NO-- REALLY! I THOUGHT, "WHAT IF DR. ROBOTNIK HAD SUPER-POWERED ROBOTS TO DEFEAT SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS?"

:giggle: INTO THE CHOPPER WITH HIM!

HMM... SUPER-POWERED 'BOTS, EH? THAT WOULD REQUIRE *LOTS* OF *SPARE PARTS!*

Y-Y-YESSIR!

THEN I DON'T MIND *PARTING* WITH YOU BOTH!

HEY! WHAT THE-- OH, NO! I'M PARTLY GONE!

ZIP!

CRUNCH! GRIND! MASH!

A FEW DAYS LATER...

GREETINGS! THIS IS *IVO ROBOTNIK* COMING TO YOU IN FULL COLOR ON *RBV*® FROM THE EDGE OF THE GREAT FOREST! TODAY MARKS A MILESTONE OF CORRUPTION!...

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WHAT DO YOU SAY WE SKIP THE SPEECH AND CUT TO THE CHASE?

GADZOOKS! THAT *VOICE*... IT'S...

--SONEEEYOW!

NOT "*SONEEEEYOW*," TUBBO... *SONIC!*

VOOM

YOU REALLY DIDN'T THINK I'D LET YOU DESTROY THE WOODS AND BUILD A TOXIC DUMP, DID YOU?

AS A MATTER OF FACT...

...I KNEW YOU'D COME HERE TO STOP ME! NOW I'LL SIGNAL *HIM* SO HE CAN PUT A STOP TO YOU!

HIM?

WHO?

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BOTMAN!

BOTS 'R' HOTS

NO... 'BOT-MAN!

WHAT-MAN?

AND I'M HERE TO KICK YOUR BUTT, MAN!

BOOT!

HO HO HO!

OUCH!

THAT DOES IT! THE KID GLOVES ARE OFF!

NEVER LAID A GLOVE ON YOU!

COMIN' AT YOU, X-FACTORY REJECT... AT 250 MILES PER HOUR!

ZOOM!

LET'S SEE HOW FAST YOU GO IN REVERSE!

OOFAH!

KDANG!

THAT'S IT — ZOOM IN ON SONIC AS HE QUIVERS!...

NOW PAN OVER TO ME AS I SNICKER!...

DOLLY LEFT AND PULL BACK TO A WIDE SHOT WITH 'BOTMAN!

SLOW FADE TO BLACK!

RBV ULTRA-WIDE ANGLE

BOTS 'R' HOTS

I LIKE BEING A POWER-HUNGRY TYRANT... BUT WHAT I REALLY WANT TO DO IS *DIRECT!*

EGAD!! THE HEDGEHOG WAS PLAYING POSSUM!

OKAY, BEAVIS N' BOTHEAD ...LET'S SEE YOU HANDLE A SONIC SPIN!

HOPE YOU BROUGHT YOUR SLEEPING BAG... IT'S GOING TO BE A LONGGG NIGHT!

BA-BWANG!

SOCK! POW! BIFF! CRONCH! KABLOOIE!

I TRUST ALL YOU FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE WATCHING THIS LIVE TELECAST...OR PERHAPS HE'S *NOT SO LIVE* ANYMORE!

GULP! I C-CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

sniffle

SONIC'S BEEN BEATEN BY 'BOTMAN!

End of Part 1

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN BOT'S ALL, FOLKS!
PART II

IS THROUGH AT LAST! TRA-LA-LA-DEE-DA...

HOLD ON A SECOND, OH OVAL ONE... WHAT'S THIS PILE OF ROBOT PARTS DOING OVER HERE?

YOUR AD HERE

HMM...THESE ARE THE COMPONENTS I USED TO BUILD 'BOTMAN!

IT'S AS IF HE'D BEEN *GUTTED!*

YOU GOT IT!

TILT!

SONIC IS ALIVE AND WELL!

AND 'BOTMAN IS AN EMPTY SHELL!

EXACTLY! FASTER THAN THE EYE COULD SEE, I TOOK HIM APART AND THEN POSED HIS HUSK JUST TO DRIVE YOU BONKERS!

BONK!

:snurt: WHY YOU :huff: LIGHT BLUE :wheeze: IMPROMPTU--: whoof:...

ADMIT IT, MOTOR MOUTH... YOUR SUPER BOT WAS A SUPER *BUST!*

HA! I'M NOT DONE YET! I HAVE ALL OF CRABMEAT'S COMIC BOOKS TO INSPIRE ME!

UH-OH! THAT COULD MEAN TROUBLE!

ESPECIALLY IF HE BENDS THE COVERS!

A-Z

EEP-EEP-EEP!

YES! I'VE ALREADY ORDERED A SECOND SUPER-POWERED 'BOT FROM THE FACTORY... BRING HIM IN!

UM... EXCUSE ME, YOUR FLABBINESS!

ROBO TO GO

YOU'LL *MARVEL* AT HOW VICIOUS THIS ONE IS, HEDGEHOG!

STAND BACK!

UH, MASTER...

WOLVERO

YIPE!

IT SEEMS THERE'S BEEN A SLIGHT COMMUNICATIONS GLITCH./ INSTEAD OF SENDING A WOLVERINE BOT... THEY SENT A *WOLVURKEL* 'BOT!

INVOICE

R-1

Huh--Huh-Snurk

OH NO!

HAW!

ANOTHER ROBOTNIK RULE BROKEN... *NO LAUGHING!*

OW!

HMMM... YOUR VOICE SOUNDS FAMILIAR!*

SNURKLE

* JALEEL "URKEL" WHITE IS THE VOICE BEHIND T.V.'S CARTOON SONIC! – THE EDITORS

BAH! THIS ISN'T HELPING MY IMAGE!...HMM... *IMAGE*... *AHA!* JUST THE SUPERHERO I NEED!

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SEGA GAME GEAR

BEHOLD, SONIC... MY ULTIMATE NEW WAVE 'BOT...THE AWESOME SPAWNMOWER!

HOLY TODDLEDO! HE'S CUTTING DOWN THE GREAT FOREST!

CHOP! CHOP! CHOP! CHOP!

CHOP! CHOP! CHOP!

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I'VE GOT TO STOP THE SPAWNMOWER! LUCKILY, HE STOPS EVERY FEW PANELS TO STRIKE A PIN-UP POSE!

CHOP! CHOP!

IDLE... IDLE...

IDLE...

ZOOM

THAT GIVES ME JUST ENOUGH TIME TO YANK THE SPARK PLUG WIRE!

POP!

BOING!

SPTOO... CH-CHUG... KOFF-KOFF... BLAT!

HE MADE IT STALL! I HATE THAT HEDGEHOG!

NOW WHAT'S HE UP TO?

WHAT ELSE?... I'VE GOT TO PUSH THIS THING OFF THE NEAREST CONVENIENT CLIFF!

SLOW LANE

FAST LANE

McFAR LANE

ROBOTNIK RIDGE

THIS CHARACTER'S REALLY OVER THE EDGE!

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I'M NOT FINISHED SENDING MECHANICAL SUPER HEROES AT YOU YET, SONIC! HERE COMES: MAGBOT-- "FREEDOM FIGHTER FIGHTER!"

Snarl...

BWING!

A VALIANT TRY, BUT NO GO, ROBO!

WHAM! Thumpo! CRUMPLE! Dis-MANTLE!

HARUMPH! FROM THE GOLDEN AGE, I REVIVE: CAPTAIN MARBOT!

SHAZHAM!

MY FAVORITE SNACK! CHILI DOGS WITH BIG RED CHEESE!

KBASH POW! SMUSH! DISASSEMBLE!

SIGH! BEHOLD MY FINAL ONE: MIGHTY 'BOT!

HERE I COME TO SPOIL THE DAY!

THAT WAS ONE TOUGH MOUSE! I JUST BARELY SQUEAKED BY!

SWAT! KLIMP! Dis-Com-Bob-U-Late!

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YOU'RE THROUGH, ROBOTNIK! LOOK AT THIS HUGE STACK OF RUBBLE! I *SMASHED* EVERY ONE OF YOUR SUPER 'BOTS! NOW FOR YOU!

NO--DON'T! *MERCY!!*

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU SPOKE FRENCH...

WHOOOP!

Schlorp!

HO HO HO! SONIC SLIPPED ON SOME OIL THAT LEAKED FROM A BROKEN 'BOT! I CAN ESCAPE... *HIYO CRABMEAT!!!*

CRACK!

OOF! OW! UMF!

OUCH! UG! Oi

:groan: I FORGOT THE GOLDEN RULE OF SUPER HERO STORIES... THE BAD GUY ALWAYS GETS AWAY AT THE END!

LATER, BACK IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...

WE SALUTE YOUR *SUPER* EFFORT, SONIC!

SHUCKS... T'WEREN'T NOTHIN'!

NOTHIN'? ALL THOSE INSIDE JOKES ARE BOUND TO MAKE THIS STORY HIGHLY COLLECTIBLE!

DON'T BAG US UP YET! THIS ISSUE ISN'T OVER YET!

The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

Pin-Up

DRAT!
I LEFT THE FIVE
Pin-Up!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN "A LITTLE SONIC GOES A LONG WAY"

- Part I -

TWANG!

TWANG!

ZOOM!

HOW'D I DO, TAILS?

GREAT! ONLY YOU COULD PLAY A NOTE AND THEN RACE DOWN THE HILL BEFORE IT REACHES ME, SONIC!

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IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I HEARD A GUITAR!

THAT'S BECAUSE THAT TYRANT ROBOTNIK *BANNED ALL MUSIC*, TAILS!

I CAN STILL SING... LA LA LA WAH!

WELL, HE ONLY BANNED *MUSIC*, ANTOINE!

PLEASE PLAY FOR US, SONIC!

SURE!

TWANG - TWANG - PLINK - TWANG...

LET'S FOLLOW ONE OF SONIC'S NOTES AS IT FLOATS OUT OF THE GREAT FOREST...

...IS CARRIED IN THE AIR (*KOFF!*) TOWARDS ROBOTROPOLIS!...

ENTERING ROBOTROPOLIS POPULATION: ENSLAVED!

... AND GOES THROUGH AN OPEN WINDOW!...

... AND LANDS RIGHT IN THE EAR OF...

...GUESS WHO!

AAAAUUGGHH!

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SORRY TO DISTURB YOU WHILE YOU'RE SINGING, DR. ROBOTNIK, BUT I'VE MADE A GREAT DISCOVERY!

I WASN'T SINGING, *SNIVELY*, YOU *IDIOT*! I HEARD A *MUSICAL NOTE*... AND I

HATE MUSIC!

GULP!

LISTEN! SOMEONE DARES TO PLAY MUSIC AFTER I'VE OUTLAWED IT!

TWANG!
PLINK!
TWANG!
PLUNK!

WH-WHO CAN IT BE?

IT'S GOT TO BE THAT HATEFUL HEDGEHOG *SONIC*! IF ONLY I COULD GET MY *HANDS* ON HIM!... OR EVEN ONE *HAND*... OR A THUMB!

P-PERHAPS THIS WILL HELP, OH, MASTER OF MALICE!

I'VE INVENTED A DEVICE THAT WILL REDUCE THINGS TO *MINIATURE SIZE*!

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THE ONLY PROBLEM IS THAT ITS EFFECT LASTS FOR JUST ONE HOUR!

THAT'S ALL THE TIME I WOULD NEED TO CATCH A *SPOON-SIZED SONIC*, ONCE I FIND HIM!

AND I *WILL* FIND HIM! THE NEXT TIME SONIC EMERGES FROM HIS HIDE-OUT WILL BE HIS LAST!

THE *FREEDOM FIGHTER FINDER* WILL LET ME KNOW WHEN SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS GO BEYOND THE GREAT FOREST! PLUS, IT GIVES ME FIFTY CHANNELS ON THE *ALL-EVIL CABLE NETWORK!*

♪ TOOT-TOOTLE OOT! ♪

FREEDOM FIGHTER FINDER

GREAT FOREST

FORBIDDEN ZONE

ROBOTROPOLIS

...TOOTLE OOTLE-OOT! CATCHY TUNE!

WHHAAATT?!

GIVE ME THAT REDUCING DEVICE SO I CAN TEST IT ON YOU!

B-BUT, YOUR EVILNESS!...

LATER THAT DAY...

THAT'S WHERE I FOUND MY *GUITAR*, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!-- IN THE *ABANDONED CONCERT HALL*! THERE ARE ENOUGH INSTRUMENTS INSIDE FOR US TO FORM OUR OWN BAND!

GREAT! CAN AH PLAY CYMBALS AND A SAXOPHONE!

MOBIUS CONCERT HALL

NO TRESPASSING! I.R.

WHY, BUNNIE?

'CAUSE AH'M THE *SAX-CYMBAL* OF THIS TEAM, SUGAH!

LET'S GO, GANG!

WE WANT TO FIND OUR INSTRUMENTS AND GET BACK HOME BEFORE ANYONE *SEES* US!

SOON...

WHAT A WRECK! AND TO THINK THIS WAS ONCE THE HOME OF *MUSICAL MASTERPIECES*!

LOOKS MORE LIKE MUSICAL SMASH-TO-PIECES!

C'MON, DUDES, THE INSTRUMENTS ARE IN THE ORCHESTRA PIT STRAIGHT AHEAD!

WAGNER

BOTHOVEN

NOW APPEAR

FZZZZZZZZZZAPP!!

WH-WHAT HAPPENED? THAT FELT LIKE AN *ELECTRICAL SHOCK!*

IT WAS MORE LIKE A ***SHORT-CIRCUIT!*** AND HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW ***SHORT*** YOU'VE ALL BECOME?

WHO SAID THAT?

BOT ON THE SPOT

I DID! AND NOW THAT YOU'RE ALL THE SIZE OF *DUST BALLS*, I'M GOING TO VACUUM YOU INTO MY MOBILE ROBO-MAKER! HAHAHEEHEEHOOHOOHOHO!

FWOOOOM!

EEK!

ROBOTNIK IS RIGHT! WE'VE ALL SHRUNK!

RUN, SONIC! SAVE YOURSELF BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

END OF PART I

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

IN A LITTLE SONIC GOES A LONG WAY! PART II

THE OTHERS CAN WAIT! I'LL GET *YOU* FIRST!

LUCKILY I *STILL* HAVE MY *SPEED!* I'VE GOT TO FIND A FAST WAY TO *STOP* THAT *VACUUM!*

FWOOOOO

CHEWING GUM

WHOA! I ALMOST RAN INTO THIS HOUSE-SIZED BOX!

AND THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!

SKREEEEECH!

I CAN CUT A HOLE WITH MY *SONIC-SPIN!* NNGH!! THIS CARDBOARD IS LIKE *WOOD!*

WZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ

IT WORKED! THE BOX WAS FILLED WITH *CONCERT PROGRAMS!*

THOSE INFERNAL PROGRAMS ARE *CLOGGING* MY *VACUUM!*

BOT

FWOOMP!

LET'S HIDE IN THE *CONCERT HALL*, FREEDOM FIGHTERS! HURRY!!

INSECT! I'LL FIND YOU IF I HAVE TO VACUUM THE *ENTIRE* CONCERT HALL!

VWOOOOOOOOO

HE *MEANS* IT, GUYS! WHAT'LL WE DO?

TELL HIM NOT TO FORGET TO CLEAN *UNDER* THE *RUG!*

CUT THE *SMALL* TALK... WHERE'S SONIC?

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YO, ROBOTNIK! YOU *MISSED* A SPOT OF DIRT! TIME TO CLEAN UP YOUR ACT!

I WON'T MISS *YOU*, HEDGEHOG!

ACT I

FWOOOOOOOOO...

GOTTA, *CATCH* ME FIRST!

ZOOM!

YOUR SPEED WON'T SAVE YOU *THIS* TIME! WHEN I *WANT* SOMETHING, NOTHING CAN *STOP* ME!... *NOTHING!!*

YO! THAT'S WHAT I'M *COUNTING ON*, BOT-BREATH!

WHERE'D HE GO?

SKREEEEEEE...

BOING!

ZING!

KER-RASH!

KA-BLANG!

BAMM!

MY MOBILE ROBO-MAKER! ...IT'S WRECKED!

BOT

WHAT A PITY! YOU FELL INTO THE ORCHESTRA PIT... HERE'S A BATON SO YOU CAN START CONDUCTING YOURSELF PROPERLY!

SURPRISE! I STILL HAVE MY HAND HELD ROBO-MAKER, THE PEST BUSTER!...

CLICK!

VWEEEEEEEEE...

HAVE A LOOK... FROM THE INSIDE! HAW!

MMPH!...

THUNK!

AT LAST! AND NOW TO PRESS THE BUTTON AND SONIC IS MINE!

HUH?

THUNK!

WHO DID THAT?!

GREAT SHOT, *ROTOR!* NOW AIM A LITTLE TO THE RIGHT!

WE'LL GIVE HIM A *DOUBLE* THIS TIME! READY... AIM...

...FIRE!!

YOW!

ZING!

ZING!

KA-BAM!

OOF!

THAT *DOES* IT! I'M GOING TO *SMASH* THOSE LITTLE...

OH, NO!!

I FORGOT THAT THE REDUCING EFFECT ONLY LASTS AN HOUR!

POP!

POP!

POP!

POP!

POP!

HOORAY! WE'RE BACK TO *NORMAL* SIZE!

BUT SONIC IS STILL IN THE HAND HELD VACUUM!

SMASH!

NOT ANYMORE, SALLY!

LUCKY FOR ME ALL OF ROBOTNIK'S DEVICES ARE LIKE HIM..*CHEAP* AND *RUSTY!*

GIVE UP, ROBOTNIK! YOU'RE *OUT-NUMBERED!*

AND ALMOST OUTWEIGHED!

WE'RE NOT LEAVING THIS MUSIC HALL!

BUT YOU ARE! *GET GOING!*

FOOLS! IVO ROBOTNIK *NEVER* RUNS!!

BEEP!

I'VE JUST SIGNALED MY *BADNIKS!* IN A FEW MINUTES THIS HALL WILL BE *SURROUNDED* BY AN *ARMY* OF *ROBOTS!*

...AND WHEN I TURN *YOU* INTO ROBOTS, YOUR FIRST JOB WILL BE TO *BLOW UP* THE CONCERT HALL!! HA-HA-HA-HOO-HOO-HEE-HEE!

OKAY, ROBOTNIK-- YOU *ASKED* FOR IT! LET HIM *HAVE IT,* GUYS!

NO! WAIT! NOT THAT! PLEASE! ANYTHING BUT THAT!

TOOTLE-OOT! THUM-THUM! OOMPAH! BOOM-BOOM!

PLINK-PLINKA PLINK!

TWANGA-TWANG-TWANG!

MUSIC! AAAAUUGHHH!!

THERE GOES ROBOTNIK! BUT THE *BADNIKS* ARE *STILL* ON THE WAY!

!!!

I FOUND *THIS*, SONIC! IT COULD BE WHAT WAS USED TO *SHRINK* US!

IF IT IS, ROTOR... THEN I'VE GOT AN *IDEA*!

SOON...

THAT CURSED HEDGEHOG HAS DONE IT TO ME *AGAIN*, SNIVELY!

GET THESE BADNIKS *OUT* OF MY OFFICE IN *SHORT ORDER* BEFORE THE EFFECT *WEARS* OFF!

SHORTLY, MASTER, *SHORTLY*!

THE END OF A *SHORT* STORY

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOGS™

WHY NOT... I'VE GOT 2 TAILS!

DON'T WORRY, SALLY... I'LL SAVE YOU!

FORGET IT, CHUMP! THE BABE IS MINE!

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I'M SEEING *DOUBLE!*

DON'T MISS THE SAGA OF **PSEUDO-SONIC!**

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

IN

PSEUDO-SONIC! PART I

I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU!

NAME: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
ADDRESS:
GREAT FOREST
HT.
WT.
SPEED:

DANGER

FAVORITE FOOD:

REFERENCES:

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RRRRRRAPITAFLAP FLAP FLAP...

REFERENCES:

AND I'VE USED THIS INFORMATION TO CREATE -- (NOW I KNOW I'VE SAID THIS BEFORE, BUT THIS TIME I REALLY MEAN IT)--THE ULTIMATE EVIL ROBOT!

...PSEUDO-SONIC*!!

AT YOUR SERVICE, OH GREAT AND OVERWEIGHT ONE!

ASIDE FROM KNOWING HOW TO PROPERLY ADDRESS HIS SUPERIORS, PSEUDO-SONIC HAS MANY POWERS...LET'S SEE..."REQUIRES 3500 A A BATTERIES"... NO- THAT'S NOT ONE...

Rattle...
Rattle...
Rattle...

*HENCE THE TITLE OF THIS STORY... ED.

EEEEEEEYOW!...

THAT'S IT! HIS SPEED IS EQUAL TO THAT OF THE HATED HEDGEHOG!

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PLEASE LITTER

VA-VA-VOOOOM!!!!

AND HE CAN *STOP* ON A DIII

MEANWHILE, DEEP IN THE GREAT FOREST...

OW! THUNK!

OH, SORRY, TWAN... HOPE THAT DOESN'T MAKE YOUR SWOLLEN HEAD ANY WORSE! :chuckle:

TSK, TSK, SONIC-- I'M ON GUARD DUTY, PROTECTING THE SECRET ENTRANCE TO *KNOTHOLE*...

YEAH, YEAH... I'LL SEE YOU LATER...

WAIT! YOU HAVE TO TELL THE GUARD WHERE YOU'RE GOOOOOOOOOOING!!

NO WAY! I'M NOT GOING TO TELL ANYONE THAT I'M ON MY WAY TO PICK FLOWERS FOR PRINCESS SALLY!

AND DON'T *YOU* TELL ANYONE, EITHER!

FOOOD!

SOON:

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THE MEADOW?

HEY, BETTY BUTTERFLY! I'M JUST PICKING A BOUQUET... IS THAT OKAY?

I GUESS... BUT WHO WANTS A BUNCH OF POISON SUMAC BLOSSOMS?

WHAT!

OH, NO! I'M REALLY ALLERGIC TO THIS STUFF! AAAGH!!

DON'T SCRATCH! YOU'LL MAKE IT WORSE!

Scratch Scratch Scratch
Scratch Scratch Scratch
Itch Itch Itch Itch

YOW...THIS IS REALLY GETTING GROSS! MAYBE I SHOULD BLOCK YOUR VIEW!... *NO?* ARE YOU *SURE?*...OKAY...

YOU ASKED FOR IT... SWOLLEN SONIC!

Ooo OOgah...I DON'T FEEL VERY GOOD...

JUST THEN:

WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME! YOU KNOW WE LOCK THE DOOR AT DUSK!... CURFEW, YOU KNOW...*CURFEW!!*

GESUNDHEIT!

VERY FUNNY!...I SUPPOSE YOU'D ALSO LAUGH IF ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S ROBOTS DISCOVERED HOW TO REACH OUR HEADQUARTERS...

:Snicker:

ALL FREEDOM FIGHTERS MUST WASH LIMBS BEFORE ENTERING OR LEAFING TREE STUMP TO KNOT HOLE
MGT.

DOWN BELOW!

AIN'T YOU SWEET, TAILS... Y'ALL SWEPT THE HAIR OUTTA MAH SHOP!

Bunnie's Salon

CLOSED

HAIR TODAY, GONE TOMORROW, MS. RABBOT!

SONIC AND 'TWAN ARE LATE!

HELLO, MY NAME IS ROTOR

° TO ° SURFACE

I HEAR THEM COMING!

ALL RIGHT - ALL RIGHT!!! STOP PUSHING!

JUST IN TIME!... FIRST ANTOINE...

FUMF!

... AND THEN, SON: gasp!!

"SONGASP"? DON'T Y'ALL MEAN "SON-GASP"?

SECURITY GATE

gasp!

gasp!

OH, MAH STARS AN' HEAVENS!

THAT'S NOT SONIC! IT'S A PHONY DUPLICATE! A *ROBOTIC* LOOK-ALIKE!

PSEUDO-SONIC TO ROBOTNIK... PREPARE TO RECEIVE KNOTHOLE'S COORDINATES!

HAY... IT'S A 'BOT PLOT!

End Part 1

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN PSEUDO-SONIC! PART II

PSEUDO-SONIC! HOW DID YOU DISCOVER THE SECRET LOCATION OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS?

IT WAS SIMPLE, OH KEEPER OF THE SPARE TIRE...

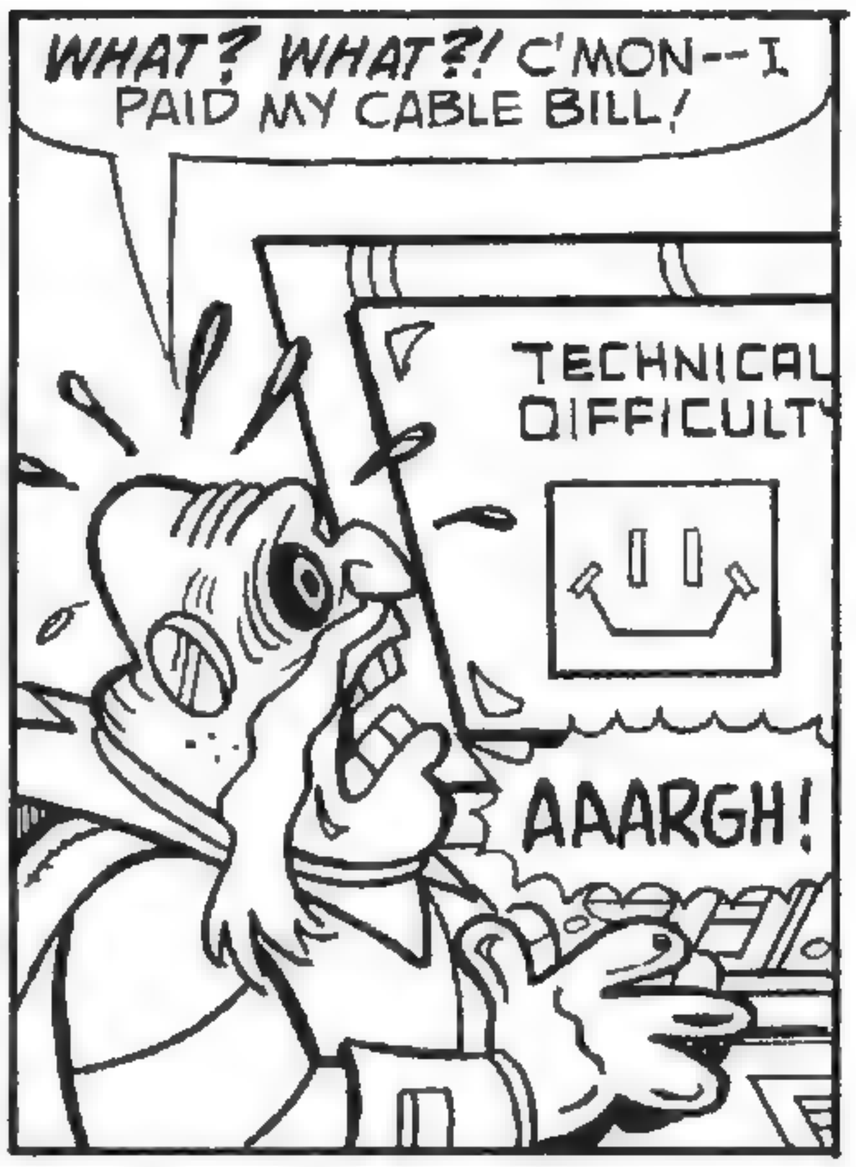
I CRISS-CROSSED THE GREAT FOREST AT SUPER SPEED UNTIL I SPOTTED ANTOINE AND EASILY DUPED HIM INTO REVEALING THE ENTRANCE!

GIMME A BREAK! IT WAS DARK! HE WAS *DRAWN IN SILHOUETTE!**

* *NOW ANTOINE BLAMES OUR ARTIST -- WHAT'S NEXT?! - THE EDITORS*

WELL DONE! GIVE ME THE COORDINATES!
AS YOU COMMAND, YOUR FLABESTY!
MEMO

BZZT! THE LOCATION... Sqeee ARGLE BARGLE WZZZZT... CRACKLE
PSEUDO-SONIC! YOUR SIGNAL'S BREAKING UP! COME IN!


WHAT? WHAT?! C'MON--I PAID MY CABLE BILL!
TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY
AAARGH!

TAILS! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
A TRICK SONIC TAUGHT ME... BY DRAGGING MY TAILS AROUND, I'M CREATING A FIELD OF STATIC ELECTRICITY!
BZZZT CEASE AND DESIST! SQUAWK I INSIST!
CRACKLE!
ZOOSH!!!

OVERLOAD BOOP WILL EXPLODE!
THE TIN CAN CONTRAPTION BLEW UP!
LET'S GET IT INTO MY SHOP SO I CAN ANALYZE IT!
KPWING

ROTOR'S
BOOMER'S
SHOP
I'M GLAD THIS PSEUDO-SONIC IS INOPERATIVE...
BUT IT DOESN'T ANSWER THE BIG QUESTION!
WHERE'S THE REAL SONIC? HAVE HIS ULTRA-FAST SHOES BEEN REPLACED BY LEAD WEIGHTS? DID HE EAT SO MANY CHILI DOGS HE JUST CAN'T MOVE? HAS HE FALLEN VICTIM TO A ROTTEN ROBOTNIK PLOT?...

...NAW -- HE JUST NEEDS TO BRUSH UP ON HIS BOTANY!

:Huff Puff: HOOBOY!... IT TOOK ALL OF MY STRENGTH TO CRAWL OUT OF THAT POISON SUMAC PATCH!...

YAAAA! AND I'M STILL ITCHING LIKE CRAZY!...

SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH ITCH ITCH SCRATCH

... AND I'M JUST ITCHING TO GET BACK TO KNOTHOLE... STAND BY FOR A *SONIC SPIN*...

whirl - whirl - whirl -

SONIC-SPLAT!

OOF! NOT QUITE!

I'VE TRIANGULATED THE APPROXIMATE AREA OF PSEUDO-SONIC'S LAST CALL AND :gasp: WHAT'S THIS? *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!* AND HE'S DEFENSELESS! JUST HOW I LIKE MY VICTIMS!

gurgle... MUST GET INTO THE WOODS... TOO VULNERABLE OUT IN THE OPEN...

WELCOME TO THE GREAT FOREST
TREE SURGEONS PROHIBITED

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MEANWHILE!

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT-- THIS WAS MANUFACTURED BY ROBOTNIK!

I KNOW!

SO WHAT HAPPENED TO SONIC?

WHO?

IT'S ME --BETTY BUTTERFLY! SONIC'S TRAPPED IN A FIELD OF POISON SUMAC! HE'S HAVING A REAL BAD REACTION!

OH NO!!

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT HE'S A SITTING DUCK...I MEAN *HEDGEHOG*...

KRANQ!

HO! HO! HO!

FTOOM!

ROBOTNIK!

FRASK!

WE GR

SSSSS...

YOU'RE FINISHED, SONIC! I'M GOING TO DROP AN A-*MACE*-ING LOAD ON YOU!

gasp...TOO WEAK TO MOVE...

SWOOP...

Y'ALL FORGOT TO SAY "MAY I ?", BLUBBERBOLTS!

AGH!!

KZOT!

HUH?

BA-BLAM!

BUNNIE RABBOT! IN THE NICK OF TIME!

Y'ALL TAKE A BREAK, BLUE BOY! LET ME RING ROBOTNIK'S SOUTHERN BELLE!

BWONG!

GADZOOKS! SHE'S HALF HARE AND HALF ROBOT!

SHO' NUFF, CHUBBY! MY CYBORG HALF IS SUPER STRONG... I'LL DEMONSTRATE!

NO! I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT!

I'VE BEEN TOLD I HAVE GREAT LEGS... *BIONIC* ONES!

AIEEE! I'M AFRAID OF HEIGHTS!

GO, BUNS!

TWOING!!!

I'D LOVE TO DO THIS ALL NIGHT, BUT IT'S WAY PAST YOUR 'BOT-TIME! OFF YOU GO, FAT BOY!

OOOCH! EECH! OW! OOF! GLEEP!

TWOING!!!

Bwang! Twang! Spoing! Blat! Pwing! Honk!

ROBOTNIK INC. (NOW FIRING)

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SO MUCH FOR HIM! HOW DO YOU FEEL, SONIC?

I DON'T MEAN TO SOUND *RASH*, BUT FIND ME SOMEONE TO *SUE, MAC!*

Skritch!

THAT RASH WILL CLEAR UP WITH A DOSE OF MY AUNT LULUMAE'S OINTMENT...CORNMEAL PASTE WITH CLOVES, KUDZU ROOT, BRAMBLE BERRY PITS, EYE OF NEWT...

YUK...SOMETIMES THE CURE'S WORSE THAN THE DISEASE!

Scratch

SOON...

HEY, EVERYONE--HERE COMES BUNNIE AND THE *REAL* SONIC!!! SAY, AS LONG AS I'M HERE, I MIGHT AS WELL PUT OUT THE TRASH!

WELCOME BACK, BLUE BUDDY!

THANKS, ROTOR! DID I MISS ANY EXCITEMENT?

AW, NOTHIN' MUCH HAPPENS WITHOUT YOU AROUND!

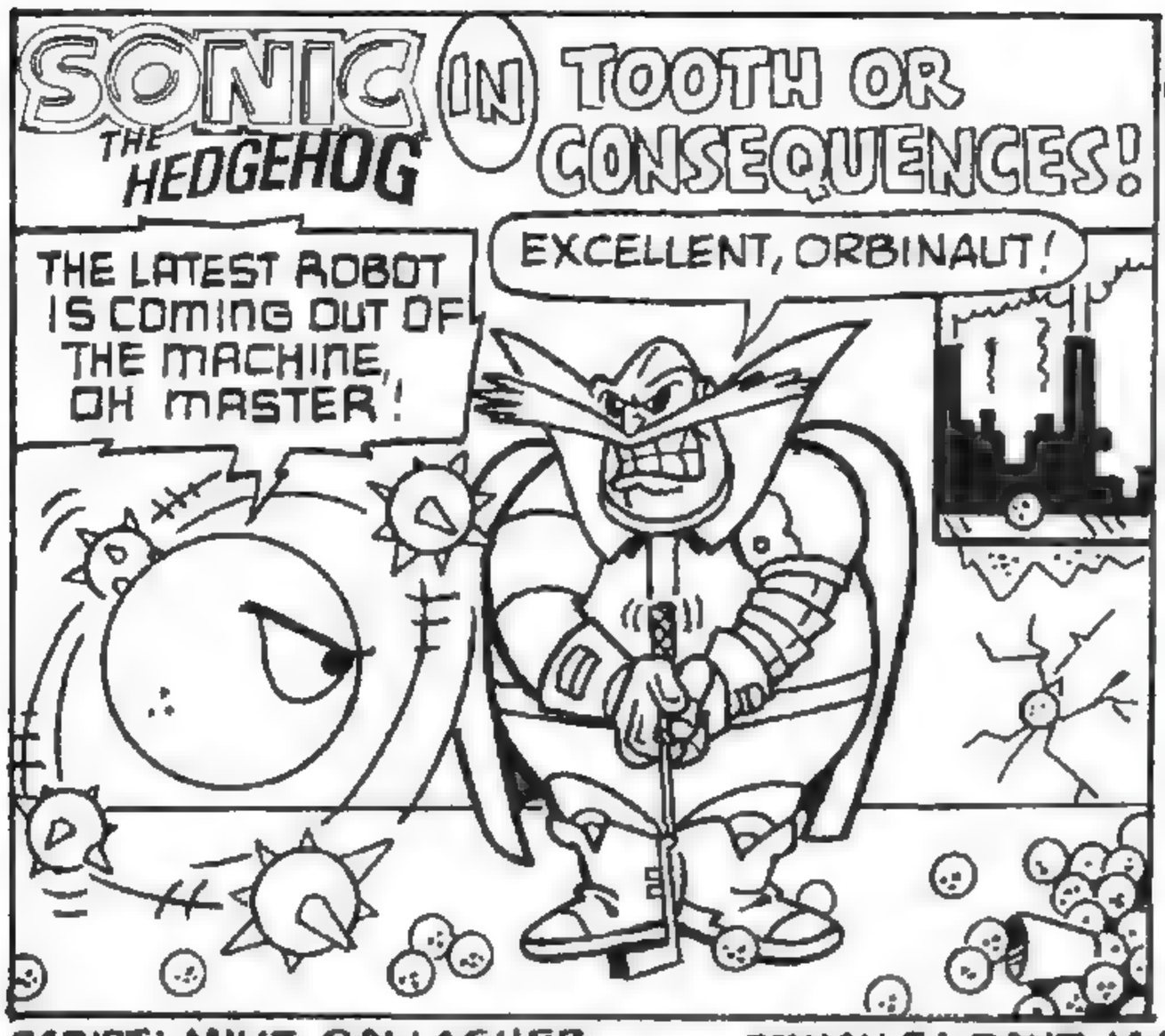
I GUESS I AM PRETTY HARD TO REPLACE!

:ulp: DON'T BE SO SURE!

:BZZZT: PSEUDO-SONIC TO ROBOTROPOLIS... HMMM - IF ENOUGH FANS WRITE TO SONIC-GRAMS, CAN I HAVE A SEQUEL? :CRACKLE:

THE END

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN TOOTH OR CONSEQUENCES!



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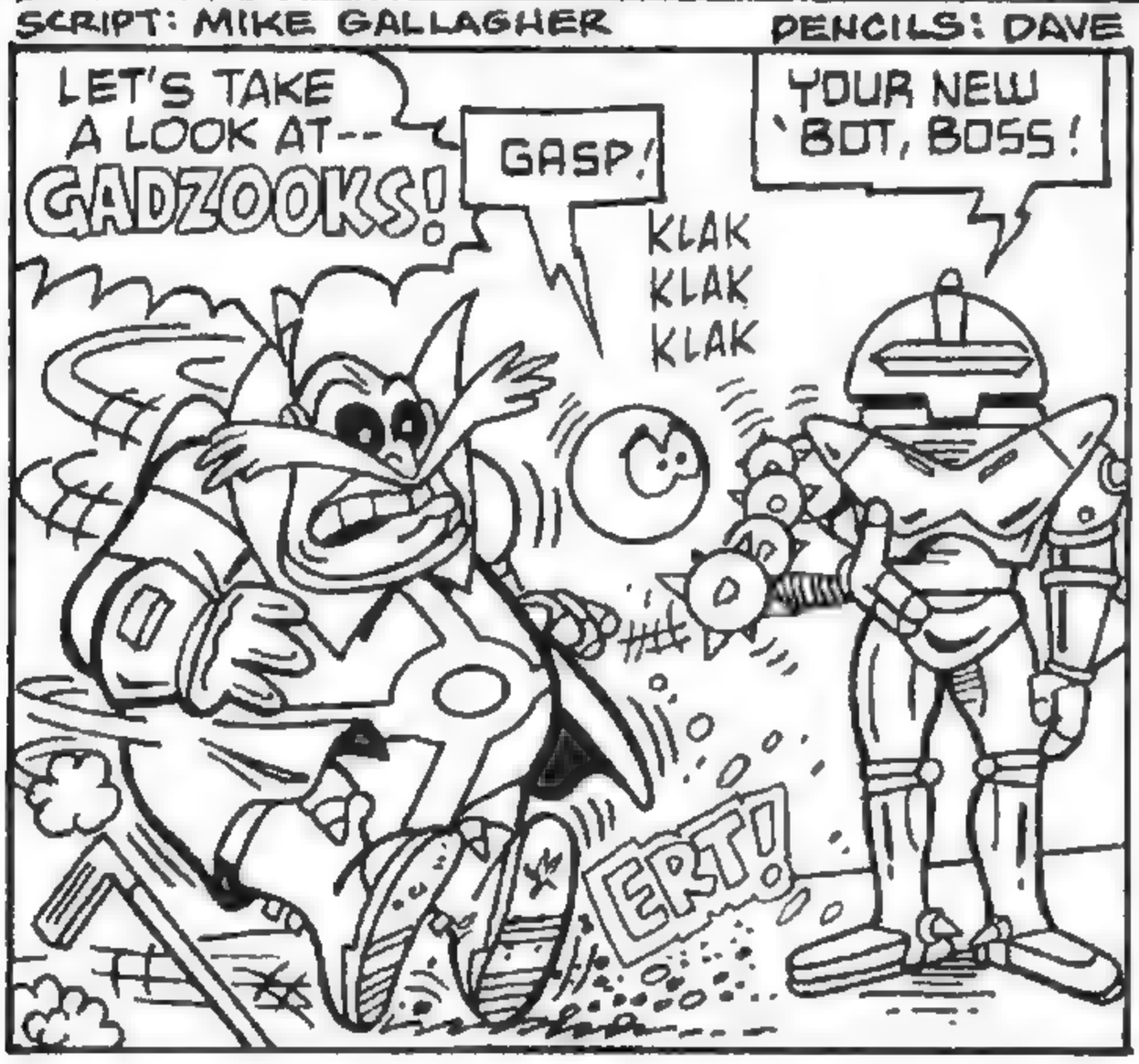
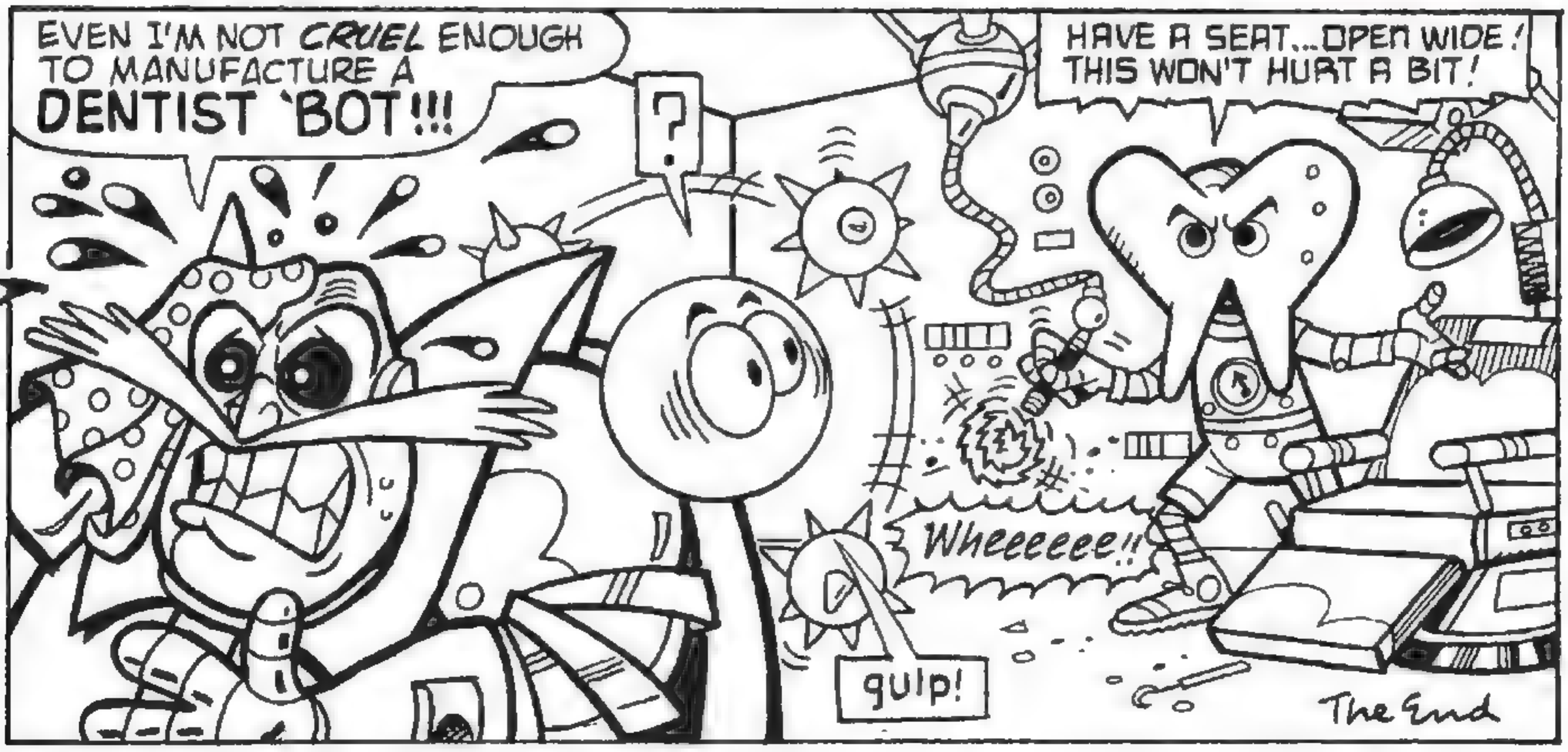
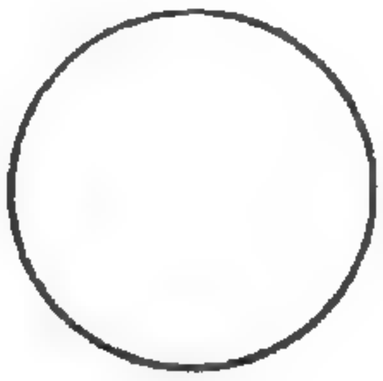


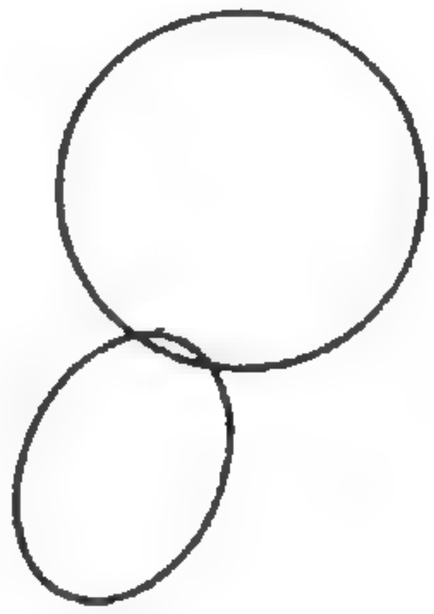


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN "QUICK SKETCH"

IN RESPONSE TO MANY LETTERS, HERE'S A LESSON ON "HOW TO DRAW SONIC"... START WITH A CIRCLE FOR HIS HEAD!



...THEN ADD A SMALLER OVAL SHAPE BELOW FOR HIS TORSO...



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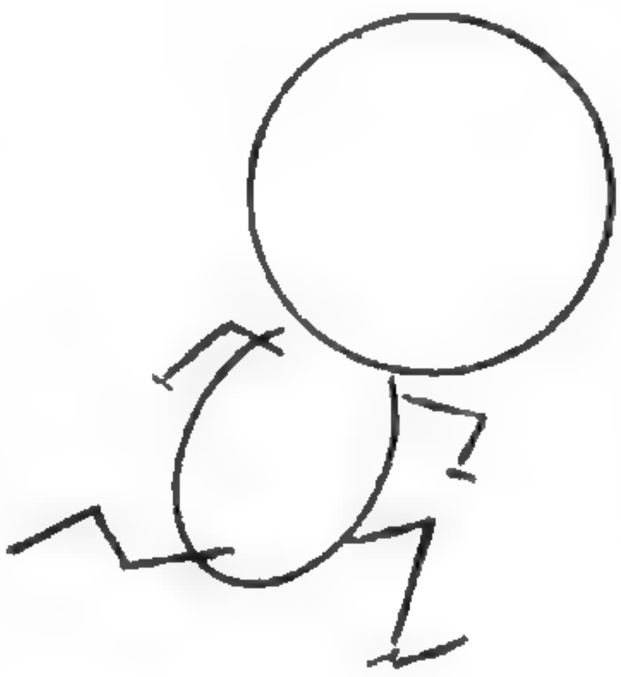
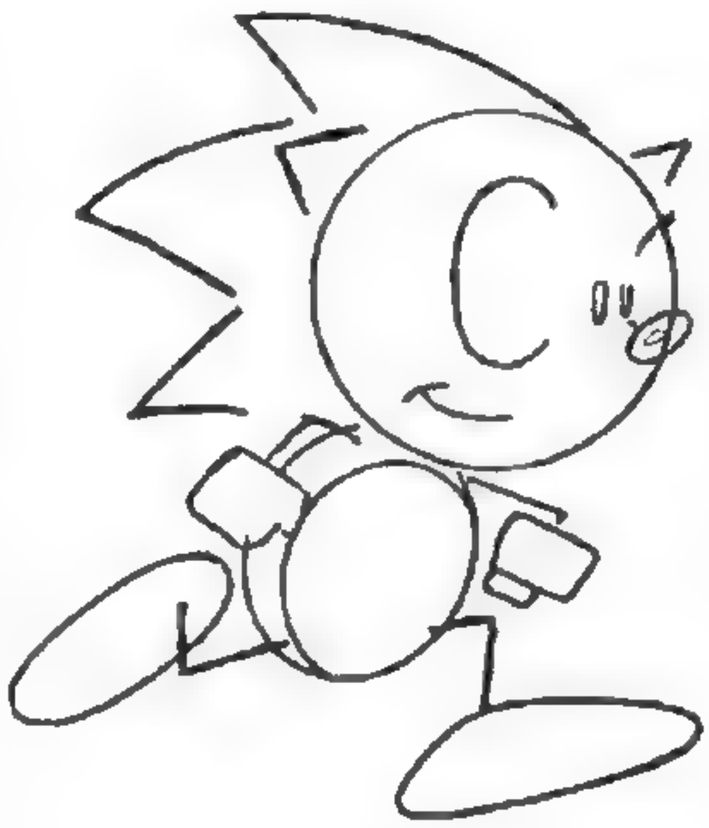
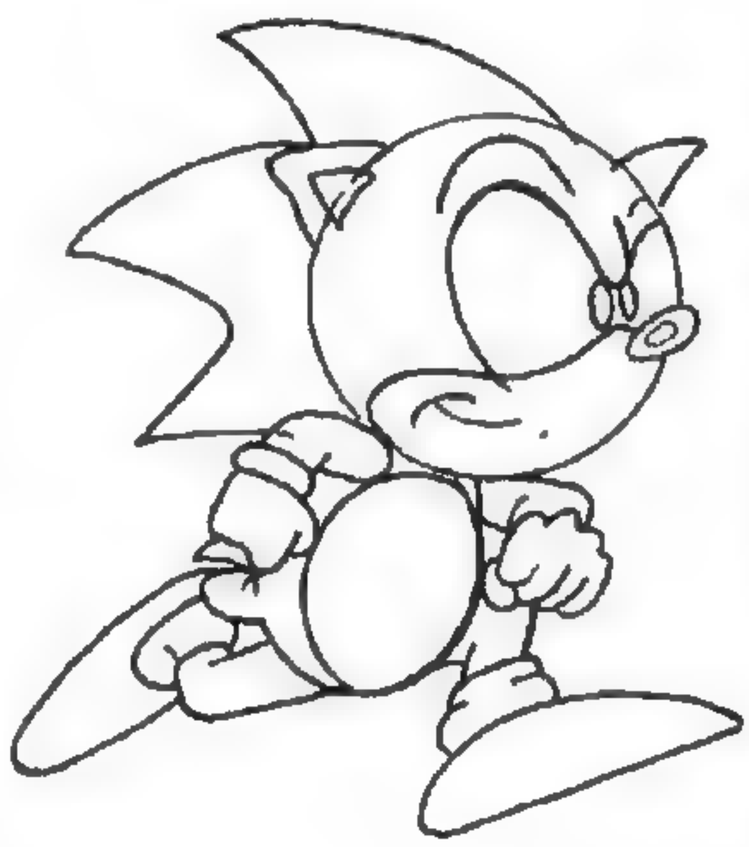
-- NEXT, INDICATE HOW YOU WANT HIS ARMS AND LEGS POSITIONED...



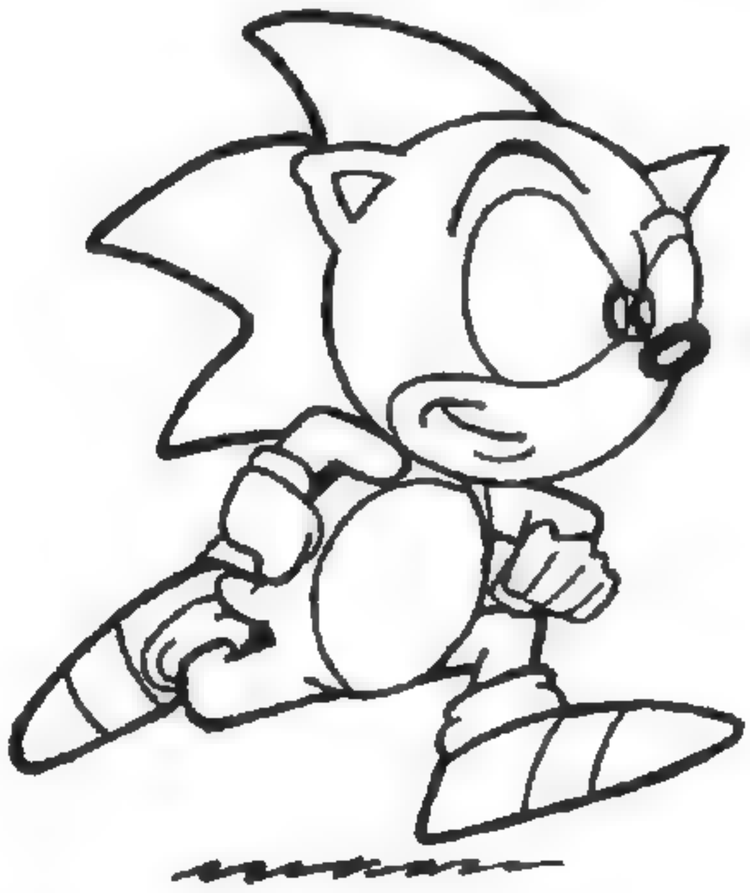
DRAW IN HIS HANDS, FEET, NOSE AND QUILLS...



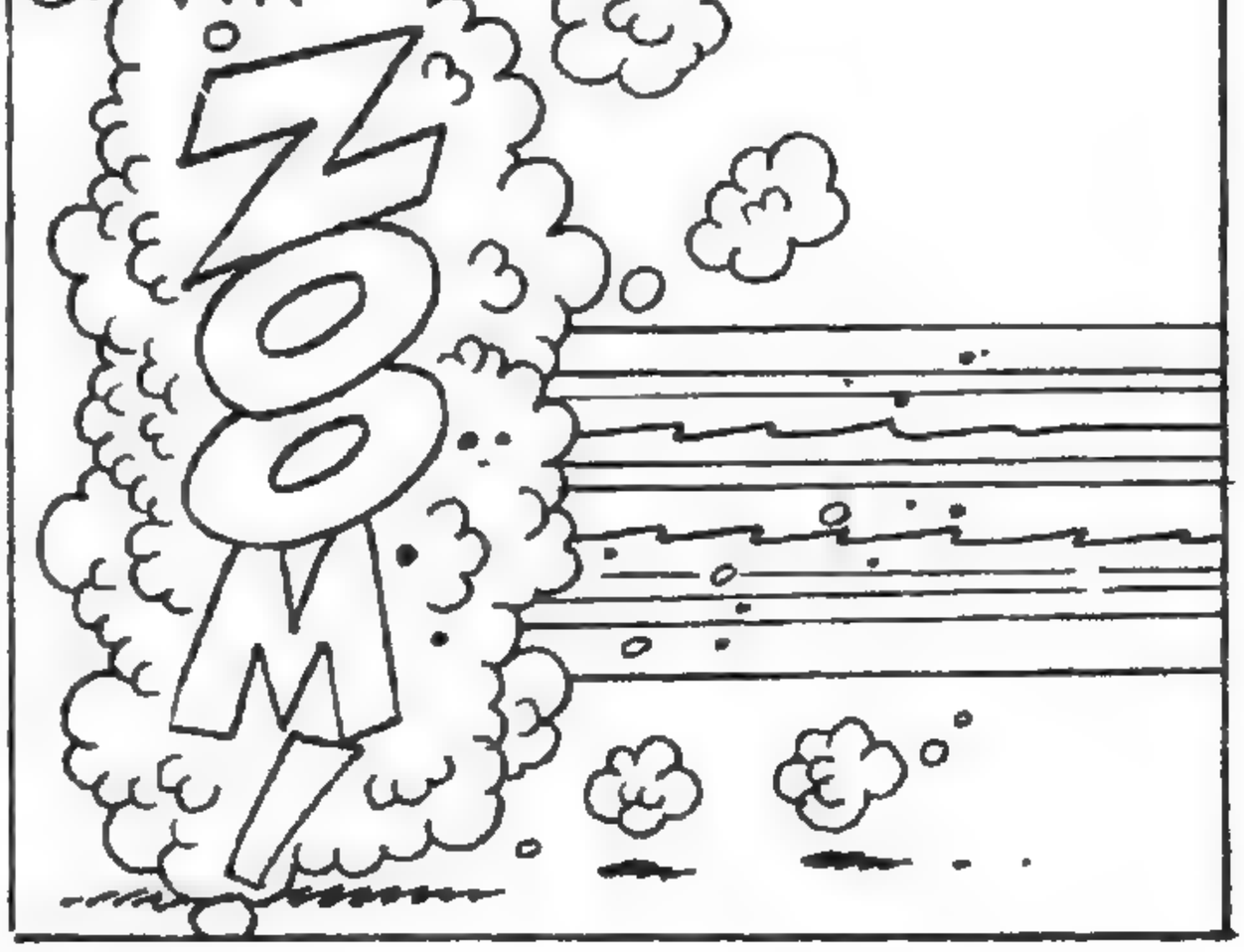
...NOW DEVELOP HIS LIMBS, EYES, EARS AND QUILLS!



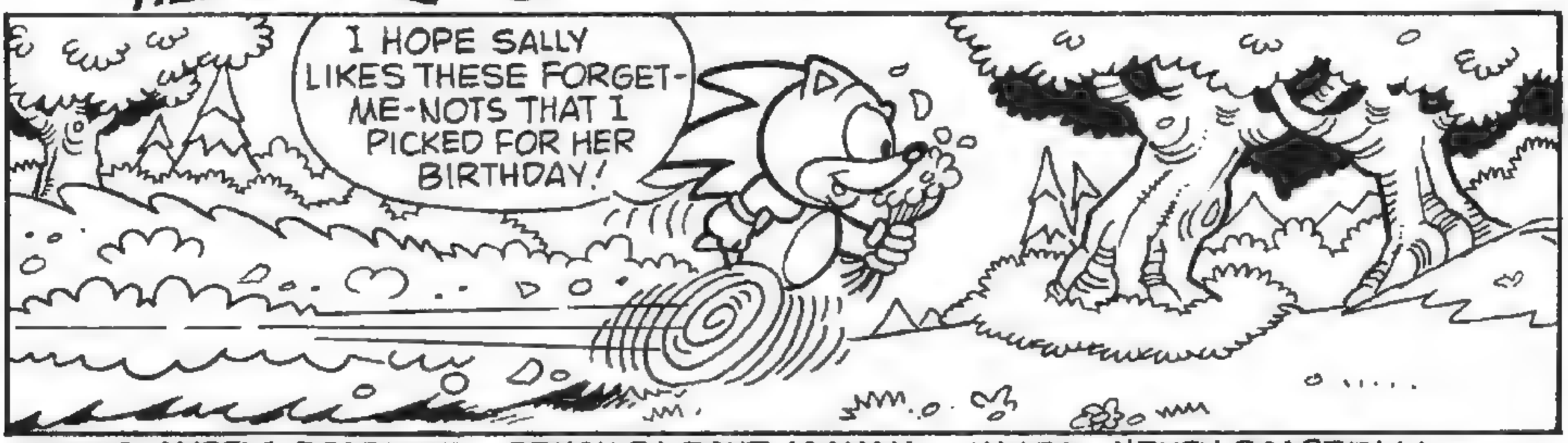
- OKAY -- REFINE THE SKETCHY LINES... FILL IN THE DETAILS AND YOUR SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IS ALMOST...



...FOOEY! THAT HAPPENS EVERY TIME!



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN WHAT'S THE POINT?



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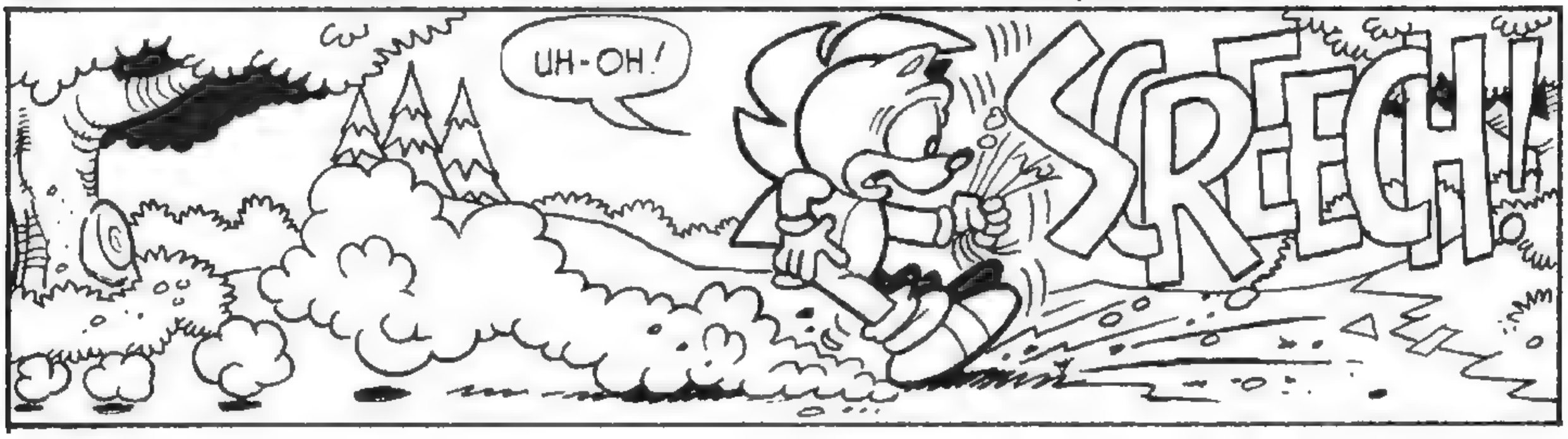

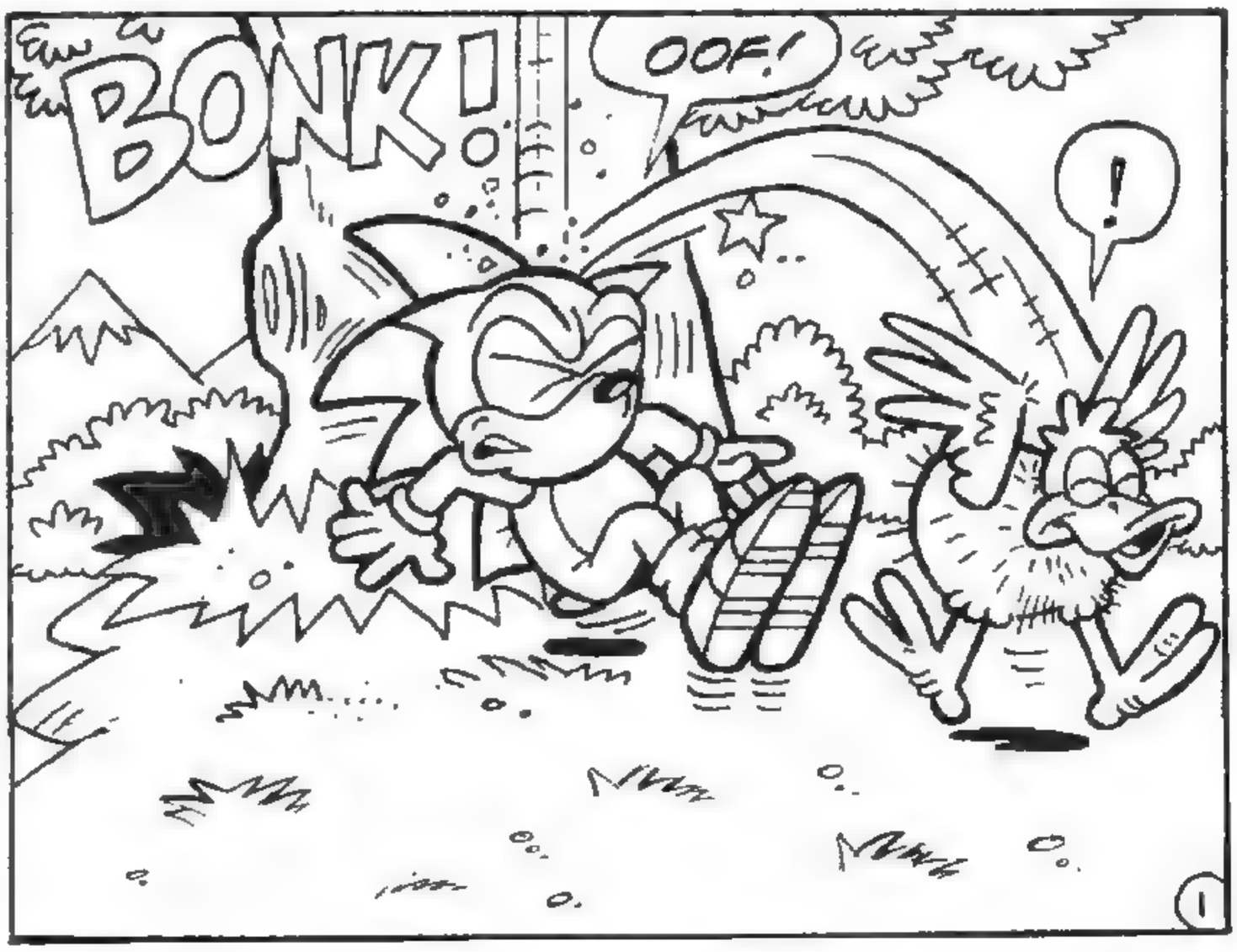

HEY! THIS IS A *MOBIAN NEEDLE BIRD* ...HALF BIRD, HALF PORCUPINE! I DIDN'T THINK THERE WERE ANY LEFT AFTER ROBOTNIK TURNED THEM ALL INTO *ROBOTS!*

!!

IT MUST'VE FALLEN OUT OF A TREE TRYING TO FLY! LOOKS LIKE ITS WING IS INJURED! POOR LITTLE GUY!

YOU NEED *FOOD!* NOW WHAT DO NEEDLE BIRDS EAT?... NEEDLEBURGERS? PEPPERONI NEEDLE PIZZA? CHICKEN NEEDLE SOUP?...

?!

I KNOW!

?!

EEEE

SOON...

YOU GET THAT FLYING CACTUS PLANT OUT OF HERE *RIGHT NOW*, SONIC!

BUT, SAL...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SALLY!

...POOR LITTLE *THORNY* IS INJURED AND CAN'T PROTECT HIMSELF FROM ROBOTNIK AND THE BADNIKS! HOW CAN YOU BE SO *CRUEL*?!

CRUEL? MAY I REMIND YOU, SONIC, OF SOME OF THE OTHER *CUTE LITTLE ANIMALS* WE'VE FOUND IN THE FOREST?...

...LIKE THE BEAVER WHO TURNED OUT TO BE A VICIOUS ROBOT DESIGNED BY ROBOTNIK...

YOU WILL SURRENDER!

EW

W

O

!

...OR THE SQUIRREL WHO WAS WEARING A TRACKING DEVICE...

?!?!

BOOP!
BOOP!
BOOP!
BOOP!

OR THE BABY DEER WHO TURNED OUT TO BE A *BOMBADIER*!

TWEEEEEEEEEE...

BLAM!

WE FREEDOM FIGHTERS CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE IN ANY MORE PETS! IT'S BEEN TOO *PET*-RIFYING!

THORNY? WHERE'D HE GO?

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OH NO! HE GOT INTO SALLY'S *NEEDLE BERRY* BIRTHDAY CAKE!

MUNCH! MUNCH! MUNCH!

THAT *DOES* IT, SONIC! GET THAT BIRD-BRAINED BALL OF BRISTLES OUTTA HERE... NOW!!

UH, ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU DON'T LIKE MY *PRESENT*?

DON'T WORRY, SAL! I'LL BAKE YOU ANOTHER CAKE, ONCE I PICK MORE NEEDLE BERRIES!

THANKS, ROTOR...

...BUT *I'LL* DO THE BERRY PICKING! IT WILL HELP ME LET OFF SOME *STEAM*! SEE YOU LATER!

BACK IN THE FOREST...

SORRY, THORNY, BUT YOU'LL BE SAFER UP IN THIS TREE UNTIL YOUR WING HEALS AND YOU CAN FLY AGAIN!

Sniff

?!

EEEEEEK!

WHAT'S THAT?

TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF ME... OR LIMBS ...OR BRANCHES OR *WHATEVER* THEY ARE!

GRRRRR!!

WHILE AT ROBOTROPOLIS...

MASTER ROBOTNIK! ONE OF YOUR *FOREST TRAPS* HAS SUCCEEDED IN CAPTURING A FREEDOM FIGHTER!

EXCELLENT, SNIVELY!

FOREST MONITOR

I'LL HEAD OUT TO THE GREAT FOREST AND BRING HER BACK *PERSONALLY!* IT WILL BE A *TREE*-MENDOUS TRIUMPH FOR ME! HAWHAWHAW!!

"*TREE*"-MENDOUS! VERY CLEVER, SIR!

EXCUSE ME, READER, BUT WE WILL NOW PAUSE TO USE ALL THE BAD *TREE* PUNS AND GET THEM *OVER WITH!*

I DON'T WANT TO GO OUT ON A *LIMB*, BUT I *WOOD* LIKE TO GET TO THE *ROOT* OF SALLY'S PROBLEM! I'D BE A *SAP* IF I DECIDED TO *LEAF!* AS *FOREST* THAT'S CONCERNED, I'LL TRY TO *CEDAR* THINGS THROUGH *FIR* SURE! IF *KNOT*, I'LL BE *PINE*-ING AND *WEEPING!* I'D MUCH RATHER TAKE A *BOUGH!* OAK-K?

COOL! NOW YOU CAN CONTINUE OUR ADVENTURE WITHOUT HAVING TO READ ANY MORE OF THOSE! LET'S GO...

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THAT WAS SALLY'S EEK! I'D BETTER TURN UP THE SPEED!

HELP!

WAIT! IT SOUNDS LIKE SHE'S UP IN A TREE! BUT WHICH ONE?

SKREEEEEECH!

WHY DO I FEEL LIKE I'M BEING STALKED*?

* SHUCKS, THAT'S A CORN PUN, NOT A TREE PUN! - Ed.

SNATCH!

SWOOP!!

THORNY! YOUR WING IS BETTER! BUT WHY DID YOU PICK ME UP?

I KNOW SALLY WAS MEAN TO YOU, BUT CAN YOU PLEASE HELP ME FIND WHICH TREE SHE'S IN?

HELLLLLP!

THERE SHE IS ...TRAPPED BY THAT ROBOT TREE! LET GO OF ME SO I CAN TRY TO FREE HER...

RAARGGH!

...BY DOING A FLYING SONIC SPIN...

ZWEEEEEEE

... AND DISARMING THIS BEASTLY BUNDLE OF BARK!

BZZZZZZZZ

THANKS, SONIC, BUT I'M STILL STUCK IN HIS FIST!

CHILL, SAL! IT'LL TAKE A FEW MINUTES TO PRY YOU LOOSE!

YOU DON'T HAVE A FEW MINUTES, HEDGEHOG! MY FREEZE BLASTER HAS A VERY WIDE RANGE!

THUNK!

HUH? UH-OH!

IT'S NO USE, SONIC! I CAN'T GET LOOSE!

KEEP TRYING, SAL! NNNGH!

GULP!

NOW HOLD THAT POSE AND SAY, "ROBOT"!

SWOOP!

SPLAT!!

GAHH!!

WHO DARES TO DROP AN EGG ON MY HEAD ?!! ...AND WITH MY HIGH CHOLESTEROL LEVEL!

YOW!

POINK!
POINK!
POINK!
POINK!
POINK! POINK!
POINK! POINK!
POINK!
POINK!

YOU'RE OUT, SAL! ARE YOU OKAY?

SURE! THANKS TO YOU AND THORNY!

OW! OO! EEE! AH! OUCH!

WE'RE MAKING YOU AN HONORARY MEMBER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! REMEMBER OUR MOTTO...

"WE STICK TOGETHER!"

THE END

THE ALL NEW, PUMPED-UP, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG PIN-UP!

SOLD OUT!

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THERE'S ONE!

BLAM!

AND THERE'S ANOTHER ONE!

BLAM!

NOW THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!

BLAM!

KA-BLAM!

HA! YOU MISSED ME!

FINDING HIDDEN LAND MINES IS DANGEROUS, SONIC! MUST YOU MAKE A GAME OF EVERYTHING?

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OKAY, ROTOR, YOU CAN START DIGGING!

THANKS, SONIC! I'M SURE I'LL FIND AN ELECTRICAL CABLE BURIED HERE!

I'LL BE SHOCKED IF YOU DON'T!

PLEASE HURRY, ROTOR!

WE ARE ON ZE OUTSKIRTS OF ROBOTROPOLIS! IF ROBOTNIK FINDS US STEALING ELECTRICAL POWER FROM HEEZ UNDERGROUND CABLES, HE'LL BE FURIOUS!

YEAH! HE'LL PROBABLY SEND AN ARMY OF HIS BADNIKS AFTER US WITH AN *ELECTRICAL BILL!*

WELCOME TO ROBOTROPOLIS (NOT)

LOOK! I FOUND TWO IDENTICAL CABLES HERE!

CAREFUL, ROTOR! ONE OF THEM COULD SET OFF ANOTHER LAND MINE!

HOW DO Y'ALL KNOW WHICH ONE TO CHOOSE?

TRY "EENIE-MEENIE-MINEE-MO"!

STAND BACK, EVERYONE! I'M GOING TO TAKE A CHANCE AND DISCONNECT *THIS* ONE! READY?... GET SET...

...PULL!...HEY! NOTHING HAPPENED!

SNAP!

GULP! EXCEPT FOR THIS GIANT FORCE FIELD THAT'S FORMED AROUND US!

A FORCE FIELD?!

OW! EVEN A SONIC SPIN WON'T CUT THROUGH THIS!

WE'RE TRAPPED!

UH-OH! SOMEONE'S COMING...

FZAP!

...AND I DON'T THINK IT'S THE ROBOTROPOLIS GOOD NEIGHBOR SOCIETY!

THROMP! THROMP! THROM

YIPES! WHO ARE YOU?!

I'M A NERB!... NOT THAT IT'S ANY OF YOUR BUSINESS!

POP!

BOING

SONIC, LOOK! THAT HOLE IS OUR WAY OUT!

HURRY, FREEDOM FIGHTERS! LET'S GO FOR IT!

STOP! THIS HOLE IS NERB PROPERTY! YOU MUST GET PERMISSION FROM OUR KING... AND HE DOESN'T TALK TO STRANGERS, ESPECIALLY STRANGERS HE DOESN'T KNOW!

CHILL, MR. NERD! THIS IS A MATTER OF OUR SURVIVAL!

NOT "NERD"!-- NERB!... AND I'M NOT INTERESTED IN YOUR LITTLE PROBLEMS!

YOU'RE OUR LITTLE PROBLEM, SUGAH!

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SOON...

I'M SORRY, YOUR LOWNESS, BUT THE OUTSIDERS INSISTED ON FOLLOWING ME TO OUR NERBERHOOD!

WE JUST WANT TO FIND OUR WAY BACK TO THE FOREST!

WHY ARE YOU SO UNFRIENDLY?

AND WHY ARE YOUR CLOTHES SO SILLY?

WE NERBS HAVE LIVED IN PEACE FOR CENTURIES, HERE UNDERGROUND ON THE PLANET MOBIUS!...

... AND MIXING WITH OUTSIDERS CAN ONLY LEAD TO TROUBLE... NOT TO MENTION ATHLETE'S FOOT!

I ONLY CAME TO THE SURFACE TO FIND OUT WHY YOU OUTSIDERS ARE DISRUPTING OUR LIFELINES!

WHO, US?

BECAUSE OF YOUR RECKLESS UNDERGROUND BUILDING, OUR AIR VENTS AND WATER SUPPLY ARE THREATENED!

BUT IT'S OUR ENEMY, THE EVIL ROBOTNIK, WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE BELOW-GROUND BUILDING!

HE'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET CHEAP REAL ESTATE!

WHY DON'T WE JOIN FORCES? TOGETHER, I'M ***SURE*** WE CAN FIND A WAY TO STOP ROBOTNIK ONCE AND FOR ALL!

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THE NERBS MIX WITH OUTSIDERS? *NEVER!!* SHOW THEM THE WAY BACK TO THE SURFACE!

YES, YOUR LOWNESS!

FORGET IT, DUDE! WE'LL FIND OUR OWN WAY OUT!

YOU ARE TOTALLY UNCOOL!

AND SO ARE YOUR CLOTHES, NERDS!

THAT'S NERBS!

HOURS LATER...

WHY DO THE NERBS BUILD SO MANY TUNNELS? I FEEL LIKE WE'RE IN AN ANT FARM!

CHILL, TAILS! I'M SURE THE WAY TO THE SURFACE IS RIGHT OVER THE NEXT HILL!

M.S.S.

HEY! THAT LOOKS LIKE A DOOR!

IT COULD BE ZE WAY OUT OF HERE!

CAREFUL! IT MIGHT BE A CLOSET FULL OF NERB CLOTHES!

M.S.S.! ... I KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS!

M.S.S.

JUST LET ME OPEN THIS RUSTY DOOR WITH A SONIC SPIN!

BZZZZZ

YUCK!

WHAT IS ZAT TERRIBLE ODOR?

M.S.S. MUST STAND FOR MOLDY SPAGHETTI SAUCE!

IT STANDS FOR *MOBIUS SEWER SYSTEM*, TAILS!

WASN'T THIS SEWER CLOSED DOWN AND ABANDONED MANY YEARS AGO, SONIC?

RIGHT! BUT I *KNOW* IT LEADS TO THE SURFACE! I USED TO PLAY DOWN HERE WHEN I WAS A KID!

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN FUN TO BE AROUND AT BATH TIME, SUGAH!

KLANK! KREEEK! HELLLP!

WHAT'S THAT?

IT'S COMING FROM THE END OF THE TUNNEL!

WAIT HERE, DUDES! I'LL RACE AHEAD AND SEE WHERE THOSE SOUNDS ARE COMING FROM!

ZOOM

End of Part I

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN REVENGE OF THE NERBS! PART II

GRRRN.T!

SO THAT'S HOW ROBOTNIK DOES HIS UNDERGROUND DIGGING, WITH A GIANT ROBOT EXCAVATOR... DRIVEN BY ROBOTNIK HIMSELF!

HA! HA! HA! I LOVE THIS TOY! IT'S SOOOO DESTRUCTIVE!

WHRRRRRRRRR!

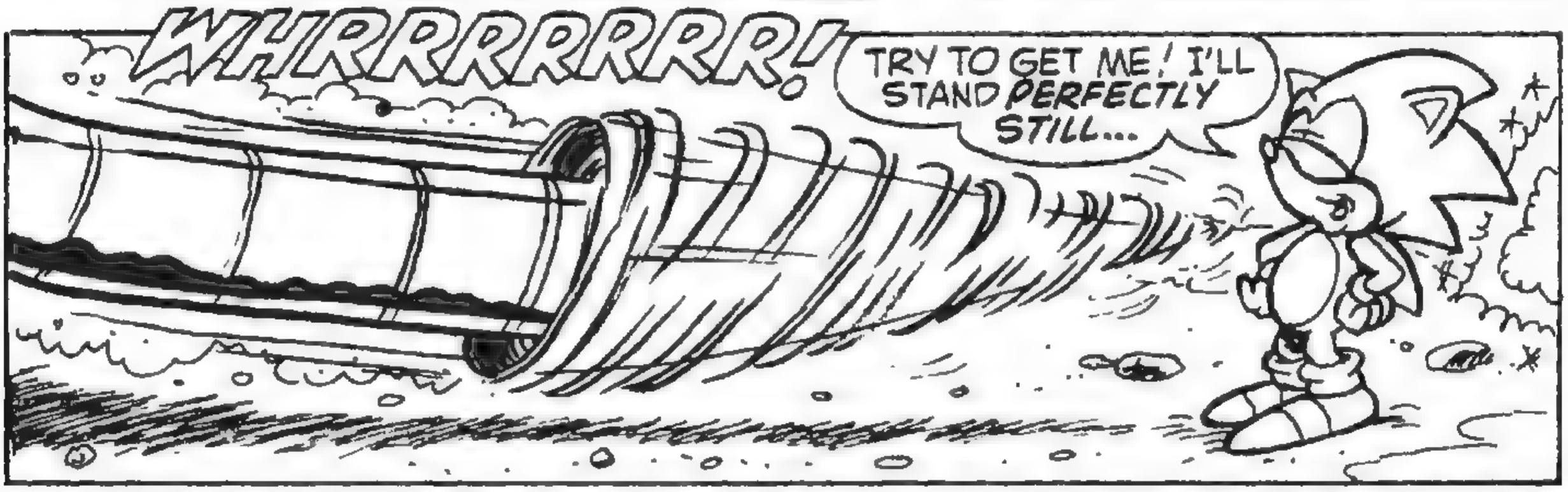
OH NO! ROBOTNIK HAS CAPTURED THREE OF THE NERDS... ER, NERBS, IN ONE OF HIS FORCE FIELDS!

HELP!

LET US OUT OF HERE... BUT DON'T TALK TO US!

WO!
WHIRRRRRR
KLONK!

I'M GLAD YOU JOINED US HERE UNDER-GROUND! THIS IS WHERE HEDGEHOGS BELONG... AND WHERE YOU'RE GOING TO STAY!
YO! ROBALDNIK! I'LL MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU!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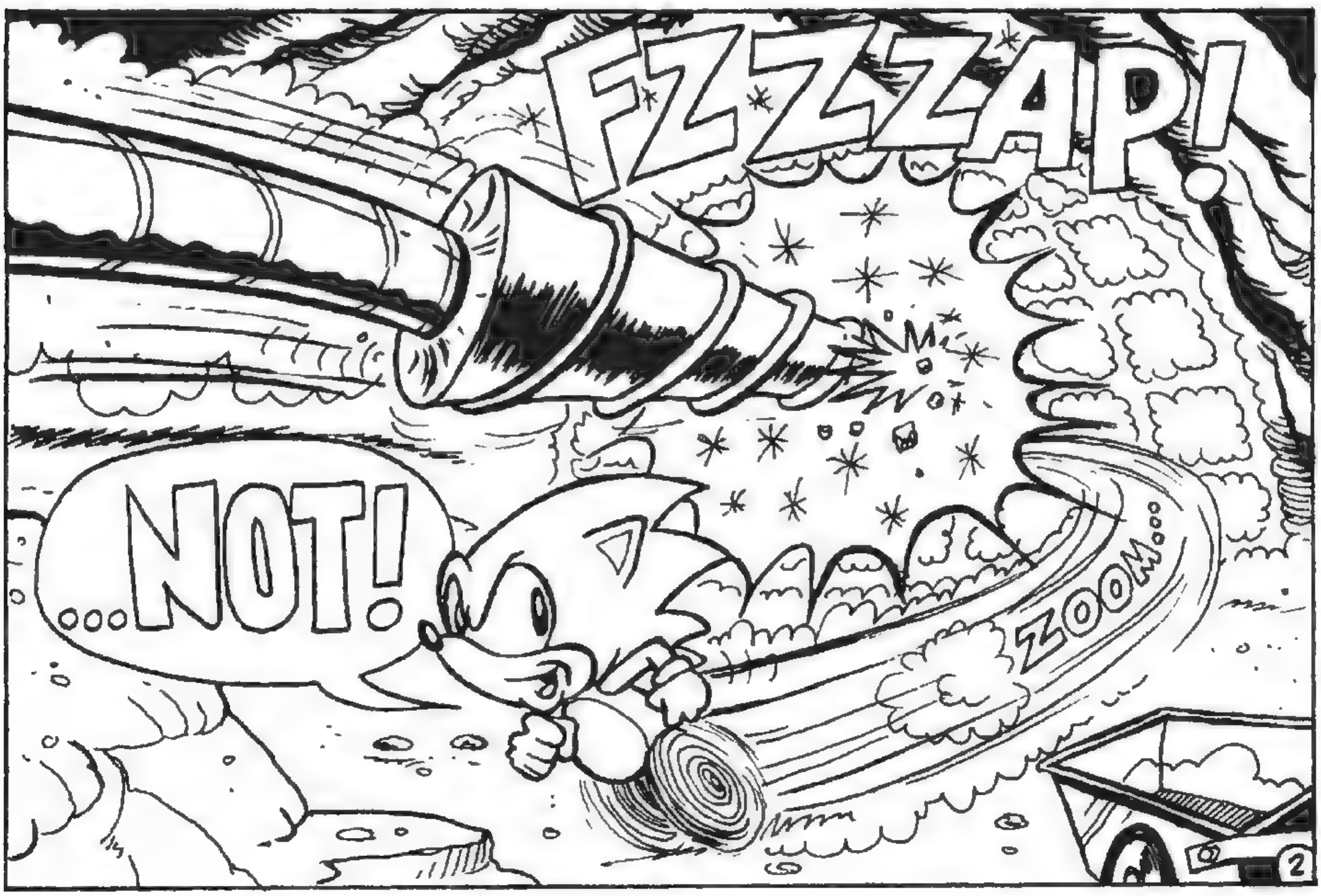
TRY TO GET ME! I'LL STAND PERFECTLY STILL...


FZZZZAP!
...NOT!
ZOOM...

THE FORCE FIELD'S BROKEN! NOW LET'S GET OUT WHILE WE STILL CAN!

YOU'RE NOT A NERB! YOU'RE AN OUT-SIDER!

WE DON'T LIKE YOU!

SO WE'RE NOT FOLLOWING YOU! NYAH!

OH YES YOU ARE!

ZIP!

I'LL TEACH YOU NOT TO BREAK MY TOYS, CURSED HEDGEHOG!!

CHOMP!

STOP! WHERE ARE YOU TAKING US?

INTO THE SEWER! IT'S TIME TO PUT AN END TO ROBOTNIK'S DIGGING ONCE AND FOR ALL!

?

ZOOM!

NNNG! I'M CAR... ER, I MEAN WHEELBARROW SICK!

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SONIC! WHAT'S GOING ON?

DO YOU NEED OUR HELP?

AFTER YOU GIVE THOSE NERDS A RIDE, CAN I HAVE ONE?*

THAT'S *NERBS*- AND I WANT YOU TO TAKE THEM HOME AND CLOSE THIS DOOR *TIGHT*!

*TAILS IS REFERRING TO HAVING A RIDE, NOT A NERD (NERB)! WHO WOULD WANT A NERD OR NERB -- THEY'RE TOO UNFRIENDLY!

NO TIME TO EXPLAIN, DUDES! I'VE GOT TO HURRY!

AND HOPE THAT I STILL KNOW MY WAY AROUND THIS OLD SEWER!

ZOOM!

I THINK IT'S A LEFT...

ZOOM!

...AND A RIGHT...

ZOOM!

...AND A LEFT...

ZOOM!

...AND A RIGHT!

ZOOM!

AND THERE IT IS! IT'S *AWESOME!*

SKREEEEEE ④

DANGER

DO NOT OPEN DOORS WITHOUT PERMISSION OF MOBIUS SEWER AUTHORITY! (AND SOME LIFE INSURANCE)

THE MOBIUS RIVER IS BEHIND THOSE DOORS! IT'S GOING TO TAKE MY MIGHTIEST *BUZZ-SAW SPIN* TO OPEN THEM!

BUZZZZ

I GUESS I'M JUST A *SAW HEAD!*

NNNGH! JUST A FEW MORE SECONDS!

RROAR!

I *DID* IT! BUT NOW I'VE GOT TO *OUTRUN* THE RIVER!

WE'RE IN THE WRONG SEWER, DUDES!

OR AT LEAST THE WRONG COMIC!

OH, NO! I DON'T REMEMBER THE WAY BACK TO THE EXIT!

WAT-ER PREDICAMENT!

ZOOM!

HERE COMES THE RIVER! I CAN'T OUTRUN IT FOREVER!

AND EVEN A SONIC SPIN WON'T SAVE ME!

RRGHR!

MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO TRY MY SUPERSONIC SPIN!

HERE I GO...

VRRRRRROOOOOM!

YESSSSss!!

WOOSH!

HEY! I STARTED A GEYSER! BUT WHERE WILL THE REST OF THE RIVER GO?

RUMBLE!

I TH-THINK I'M ABOUT TO F-FIND OUT!

KKRRROOARR!!!

WAY COOL! I RAISED THE ENTIRE CITY OF ROBOTROPOLIS! TALK ABOUT AN *UPLIFTING EXPERIENCE!*

RUMBLE!

UH-OH! HERE COMES ANOTHER GEYSER!

ZIP!

KA-BOOM!

HALP! GET ME DOWN! I ALREADY HAD MY BATH THIS YEAR!!

WHOOSH!

SUCCESS! SPEAKING OF GEYSERS... I WONDER HOW THE GUYS ARE DOING IN *NERBLAND*!

SOON... ...AND SO, TO THANK YOU FOR SAVING US, AND IN RECOGNITION OF OUR FRIENDSHIP, I HEREBY PROCLAIM SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS HONORARY *NERBS*...

...ENTITLED TO WEAR THE TRADITIONAL *NERB* COSTUME!

I LIKED IT BETTER WHEN THEY WEREN'T FRIENDLY!

IT'S THE *REVENGE OF THE NERBS*!

HOORAY!

...THAT'S NERDS!

The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN "TWAN WITH THE WIND"

THAT LOOKS LIKE A GOOD SPOT FOR OUR *FREEDOM FIGHTERS ANNUAL PICNIC*, SALLY!

ARE Y' ALL ***SURE*** THIS BALLOON IS SAFE, ANTOINE??

BUT OF COURSE, BUNNIE!

SCRIPT: DECESARE ART: MAWHINNEY

REMEMBER, I WAS ONCE ZE BALLOON-HEAD...UH, I MEAN ZE *HEAD* OF *BALLOONS* FOR ZE KING OF MOBIUS...

BALLOON-HEAD IS MORE LIKE IT... WITH ALL YOUR *HOT AIR*!!!

... AND I AM CERTAIN THAT ZE HOT AIR BALLOON CAN BE A BEEEG HELP TO US IN OUR FIGHT AGAINST ZE EVIL ROBOTNIK AND HEEZ BADNIKS!!

WELL, WELL...

IT LOOKS LIKE THOSE PUNK FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE IN A BALLOON!

LET'S *PUNK*-TURE IT! HEH! HEH!

HOW ABOUT THAT SPOT DOWN THERE?

BZZZZZZZZZ!!

B

WOOSH!

L

A

M!

WHAT'S THAT NOISE, ANTOINE?

IT EEZ ONLY ZE SOUND OF ZE BREEZE AS WE FLOAT THROUGH ZE AIR!

... AND ZAT IS ZE SOUND OF ZE WIND AS WE PLUMMET TO EARTH!!! (GULP!)

CRASH!

I SEE YOU FREEDOM FIGHTERS HAVE DECIDED TO *BRANCH OUT!* HA! HA!

FF

BUZZBOMBER!! WE WILL GET YOU FOR ZIS!!

FACE IT, 'TWAN! YOUR BALLOON IS A BIG *BUST!!!*

I *KNEW* THIS WAS A *FLOP!*

AN OLD-FASHIONED BALLOON HAS *NO PLACE* IN A WORLD OF HIGH-TECH ROBOTS, ANTOINE!

BAG IT, SUGAH!

NEVER!!

ANTOINE D'COOLETTE DOES NOT KNOW ZE MEANING OF "GEEV EET UP!" ZE HOT AIR BALLOON WILL *RISE AGAIN...*

FLOP!

FF

...THEN *AGAIN,* MAYBE NOT!

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BACK IN ROBOTROPOLIS...

YOU SAY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WERE RIDING IN A BALLOON, AND YOU DESTROYED THE BALLOON, BUT *FAILED* TO *CAPTURE* THEM!

SORRY, YOUR BEASTLINESS, BUT...

SILENCE!

YOU INCOMPETENT INSECTILES! I WANT TO KNOW WHAT THEY WERE *UP TO!!*

THEY WERE UP TO ABOUT A *MILE* AND A *HALF*, OH NASTY ONE!

YOU BUZZ-DORK! HE MEANS WHAT WERE THEY *DOING*? I THINK THEY WERE *LOOKING* FOR *SOMETHING*!

PERHAPS I CAN TELL YOU, MASTER!

ACCORDING TO MY FREEDOM FIGHTER FACT FINDER, THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN THEY HOLD THEIR *ANNUAL PICNIC*! PERHAPS THEY WERE SCOUTING A *SUITABLE LOCATION*!

YES! THAT *MUST* BE IT, SNIVELY!

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EVENT: PICNIC

LET'S *INVITE OURSELVES* TO THIS YEAR'S PICNIC! WE'LL PROVIDE THE *ANT-ICS*! *HEEYAHAHAHAHOHOHOOO!!*

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NEXT DAY...

AREN'T YOU COMING TO OUR PICNIC, ANTOINE?

I AM TOO ASHAMED, TAILS! I HAVE LET EVERYONE DOWN!

WELL, AT LEAST YOU LET US DOWN IN A *NICE TREE!*

(SIGH!) IF THERE WERE ONLY SOME WAY TO PROVE THAT ZE BALLOON... (AND **I**) ARE *NOT* USELESS!

I AM GOING TO MAKE ZE *NECESSARY REPAIRS* AND GIVE IT ZE *ONE LAST TRY!*

?!

LATER...

GOT ANY MORE MASHED POTATOES, SONIC?

JUST MY "INSTANT" POTATOES, SALLY!

"INSTANT"? YOU MEAN JUST ADD WATER?!

NO, I MEAN IT TAKES ME AN "*INSTANT*" TO ZIP HOME AND GET THEM!

ZIP!

DID YOU SAY THEY'RE *SMASHED POTATOES*?!

SPLAT!

A *BUZZBOMBER!!*

IT'S *ROBOTNIK* WITH A *SQUAD* OF *SWATBOTS*!!

LET'S GET *OUT* OF HERE!

THE PICNIC IS *OVER*, FREEDOM FIGHTERS... *PERMANENTLY*!!

HANG ON, MY FRIENDS! ANTOINE IS COMING!!

LOOK!! IT'S BALLOON POPPING TIME AGAIN!

DON'T YOU EVER LEARN YOUR LESSON?

...OR ARE YOU JUST A DOWN-TO-EARTH KIND OF GUY?! HEE! HEE! HEE!

I'LL SHOW YOU DOWN-TO-EARTH... HERE'S SOME *MUD* TO WEIGH DOWN YOUR WINGS...

SPLOT!

!!

AU REVOIR, BUZZBOMBERS!!

CRASH! CRASH!

SO! I AM GLAD I EMPTIED ZE SAND FROM ZE SAND BAGS...

DON'T LET THEM ESCAPE!!

... AND FILLED ZEM WITH ZE *EXPLOSIVES!!*

FF

FF

!!

!!

!!

KA-BLAM!

YOU CLANKING COLLECTION OF COWARDS! COME BACK HERE! I *COMMAND** YOU!!!

* *AND YOU CALL THIS A COMMANDO PERFORMANCE? - EDITORS*

SWOOP!

FF

WHAT THE... HOW *DARE* YOU?

UNHAND ME!

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UNHAND YOU??

...GLADLY!

WAIT!! LET ME *REPHRASE* THAT...

LONG LIVE THE *FREEDOM FIGHTERS!!*

SPLASH!!

WAY TO GO, 'TWAN!!

YOU'RE A HERO!

THREE CHEERS FOR *ANTOINE* AND HIS *BALLOON!*

SOON...

SONIC! SONIC! THE HOT AIR BURNER ON OUR BALLOON ISN'T WORKING!!

CHILL OUT, TAILS...

...AS LONG AS ANTOINE KEEPS *TALKING*, WE'LL *NEVER* RUN OUT OF *HOT AIR!!*

...AND ZEN I SAID TO ZE BUZZ-BOMBERS, "OH YEAH? WELL, TAKE *ZAT!*" AND ZEN I SAID...

SSS

The End-

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I'VE GOT YOU AT LAST!

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I'M NOT JUST A CUT-UP...I'M A *CUT-OUT!*

MANAK/D'AGOSTINO

THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

IN

"THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE HEDGEHOG!"

Part I

YOU'RE RIGHT, ROTOR! ROBOTNIK'S EVIL MACHINE IS POLLUTING THE RIVER WITH TOXIC SLOP!

GLOP! GLOP!

GLOP!

YUCK!

WHERE IS SONIC, ANYWAY?

HAHAHA! IF ONLY THE *FREEDOM FIGHTERS* COULD SEE ME NOW!

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I DON'T KNOW! I'LL SEND SONIC A *SIGNAL* WITH MY SUPER SECRET *SONIC SIGNAL WATCH!* *

* PATENT PENDING!

WHEE WHEE WHEE

MEANWHILE, SOMEWHERE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF MOBIUS...

AWK-!

IT'S BEEN *FUN*, BOY! BUT I GOTTA GO! DUTY CALLS!

WHEE WHEE

WHAT'S COOKIN', SAL?

ROBOTNIK IS MAKING A MESS, AS USUAL!

I'M ON MY WAY!

HRUMPH! THESE LOCAL *HIGHWAYS* AND *BYWAYS* ARE TOO SLOW FOR MY LIKING! BETTER TAKE A SHORTCUT!

BOING!

... AND THE SHORTEST CUT I KNOW...

TO: COSMIC INTERSTATE!

SECRET ZONE ENTRANCE

WHEREVER YOU GO, THERE YOU ARE!

ZOOOM!

.... IS THROUGH THIS SECRET ZONE ONTO THE *COSMIC INTERSTATE!*

IT'S A *LONG* AND *WINDING* ROAD...

SHORT CUT

SHORTER CUT

SHORTEST CUT

...THAT LEADS TO *EVERYBODY'S* DOOR!

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UH-OH! I THINK I MADE MY TRIP A LITTLE TOO LONG-- I OVERSHOT!

WHOOPS! YOU JUST MISSED THE LAST EXIT TO MOBIUS! (SORRY, CHARLIE!)

TO: PARTS UNKNOWN!

NO TIME TO TAKE A MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR!

ABBEY LANE

PENNY LANE

LOIS LA

MARGO LA

GOTTA BACKTRACK-- DOUBLE BACK TO WHERE I ONCE *BELONGED!*

MANY TWISTS AND COUNTLESS TURNS LATER...

THIS IS WHERE I GET OFF...

TO ASK DIRECTIONS!

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO GET WHERE I'M *GOING...*

OFF RAMP — WATCH YOUR STEP!

...FROM WHERE I... AM?!

WHERE AM I?

IT *LOOKS* LIKE MOBIUS... AND IT ***SMELLS*** LIKE MOBIUS-- BUT EVERYTHING IS---

DIFFERENT!

SOMETHING'S VERY WRONG!

BETTER HIGHTAIL IT TO FREEDOM FIGHTERS' HQ!

MAYBE PRINCESS SALLY KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON...

... AROUND...

...HERE!

ERT!

THIS IS NEW!

HAVE I BEEN GONE THAT LONG?

VETERINARY CLINIC

HELLOOO! ANYBODY HOME?

SALLY?

ROTOR?

X-RAY

VID-RAY

COSMIC RAY

MATERNITY WARD

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK?!

HEY, DOC, LOOK!

GADZOOKS! IT'S SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

HOLD HIM, BOYS! DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!

DON'T WORRY, DOC -- HE WON'T!

GULP! LOOKS LIKE I'M IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME!

BUT...

HEY, KIDS! DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME!

...THAT WINDOW...

COULD POSSIBLY...

... HAVE BEEN PLACED...

FOR A *TIMELY* ESCAPE!

I NEED TO PUT SOME *DISTANCE* BETWEEN ME AND THIS *MADHOUSE*...

...BEFORE I RUN INTO ANY MORE...

ZING!

ZONG!

...*TROUBLE!!*

End of Part I

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HEY! YOU'RE NOT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

in "THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE HEDGEHOG!"

PART 2

I AM!

ARE NOT!

SEZ WHO?

AM TOO!

SEZ ME!

HOLD ON! WAITAMINUTE! SLOW DOWN AND RUN THAT BY ME AGAIN!

WHOMP!

WHOA! SPEED BUMP!

WHAT'S THE HASSLE, SCHMASSLE?

THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW!

ONE WRONG TURN ON THE *COSMIC INTERSTATE*, AND SUDDENLY I'M BESIDE MYSELF!

!

COSMIC INTERSTATE?

?

I THINK I KNOW THE *DEAL*, SCHLEMIEL!

WAIT HERE!

WHOOSH!

I'LL DRAW YOU A *PICTURE*!

BUT IT *AIN'T* GONNA BE A VERY *PRETTY* ONE!

ZIP!

YOU CAN GET *ANYWHERE* FROM THE COSMIC INTERSTATE!

BUT IF YOU CROSS THIS IMAGINARY LINE...

EVERY-

HERE

THERE

WHERE

...YOU COULD GO FROM *GOOD* TO *BAD*...

BAD

GOOD

EVERY-

HERE

THERE

WHERE

UGLY

--OR FROM *BAD* TO *WORSE*!

COMPRENDE?

NO! I'M ALL *TURNED AROUND*!

EXACTLY! THAT'S MY POINT!

2

YOU'VE GONE TOTALLY 'ROUND THE BEND, PAL!

WELCOME TO THE *REVERSE* UNIVERSE!

THERE

WHERE

Nh

HERE, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS FIGHT *AGAINST* FREEDOM!

TRY SAYING THAT FIVE TIMES FAST!

AND KINDLY OL' *DOC ROBOTNIK* IS LEFT PICKING UP THE PIECES!

OOOH, HOW I DISLIKE HIM!

EXIT

BETTER?

YES, THANKS!

AND WHEN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG DISLIKES SOMEONE, HE STAYS DISLIKED!

ONE OF THESE DAYS, ME AND THE GANG ARE GONNA TOPPLE HIS TOWER OF HEALING ONCE AND FOR ALL!

VETERINARY CLINIC

HOOO BOY!

I REALLY AM IN THE WRONG PLACE AT THE WRONG TIME!

THIS AIN'T *KANSAS*--AND YOU'RE NO DOROTHY!

I'VE GOTTA GET BACK TO MY *OWN* WORLD BEFORE IT'S TOO...

TRIP!

OOF!

...LATE!

NOT SO *FAST*, PAL!

I'M GIVING THE ORDERS AROUND HERE, *CAPEESH*?!

3

MEANWHILE, BACK ON THE MOBIUS WE ALL KNOW AND LOVE... BETCHA THOUGHT WE FORGOT, DIDN'T YA?

WHERE COULD SONIC BE KEEPING HIMSELF?

NEVER MIND THAT! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THIS GROSS SLIME?

I BET IT WOULD TASTE GREAT ON TOAST!

YUM!

YOU ARE HERE!

:SIGH: THIS IS LIKE WATCHING PAINT DRY!

AND IN THE REVERSE UNIVERSE... CONFUSING, ISN'T IT?

YOU ARE HERE!

IT AIN'T OFTEN I RUN INTO SOMEONE WHO CAN KEEP UP WITH ME--

AND I INTEND TO MAKE THE MOST OF IT!

YOU'RE THE LEAST OF MY WORRIES, PAL! GET LOST!

YOU SAY YES, I SAY NO!

YOU SAY ***STOP***-- AND I SAY--

GO! *GO! GO!*

ZIP-A-DEE-DOO-DAH!

ZIP-A-DEE-DAY!

YOU CAN'T LOSE ME BY RUNNING AWAY!

SHEESH! MY EVIL SELF IS REALLY GIVING ME THE RUN-AROUND!

QUIT CHASING MY TAIL!

NO WAY! THIS IS TOO MUCH FUN!

I'LL SAY THIS MUCH FOR HIM-- HE'S CERTAINLY PERSISTENT!

YOU'VE GOT AN ATTITUDE--

BUT MINE'S *BADDER!*

I'M ONLY RUNNING A SECOND OR TWO AHEAD OF THE GUY!

VETERINAR CLINIC

BUT WITH A LITTLE LUCK...

... A SECOND MIGHT BE ALL I NEED!

NYAH! NYAH!

SCREECH!

GYAHH!! *HE'S BACK!*

QUICK! GRAB HIM!

HEY! WHAT TH'-?!

THAT'S MY CUE TO SKI-DOO!

VROOM!

KER-SPLAT!

CURSES! FOILED AGAIN!

EH, WHAT'S UP, DOC? *

EGADS! A SECOND SONIC!

LATER, AFTER EXPLANATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE...

LET ME ***STETHOSCOPE*** YOU OUT!

SORRY, BUT SPACE/TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!

** WHERE HAVE WE HEARD THAT LINE BEFORE? - Ed.*

SOON...
THERE'S MY EXIT UP AHEAD!
NOT A MOMENT TOO SOON!
INNER MIND
OUTER LIMITS
TO: PHANTOM ZONE
ALL PHANTOMS MUST PAY TOLL!
THIS MEANS YOU, BUB!
EXIT

THOUGH YOU DON'T ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU WANT ...
SONIC!
...SOMETIMES WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM YOUR FRIENDS...
YOU GET *EXACTLY* WHAT YOU NEED!

KINDLY OL' DOC ROBOTNIK'S SUPER SCOOPER SHOULD GET THE *SCOOP* ON THIS *GOOP!*
IT'S A *QUICKER PICKER-UPPER!*
GO, SONIC!
SCHLURP!

AH-OOOGA!
DANGER DANGER
IT CAN'T BE! SONIC IS SLURPING UP THE SLOP FASTER THAN MY SLOPMAKER CAN *SLING* IT!
IT'S GOING TO *BLOW!!*
I'D BETTER MAKE LIKE A BANANA...

...AND SPLIT!
I'LL BE *BACK!*
KRA-KAROOOM!
YOU CAN *COUNT* ON IT!

MY HERO! YOU'RE ONE OF A KIND!
PRINCESS -- IF YOU ONLY KNEW...!
SMOOCH!
Blush!
The End! 6

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

...WILL NEVER "BEAT THE CLOCK!"

TICK... TICK... TICK... TICK...

YOU KNOW IT, SWATBOT! HE'LL GET HIS JUST DESSERTS OR MY NAME'S NOT *COCONUTS!*

YOUR NAME WILL BE *MUD* ONCE SONIC CATCHES UP WITH YOU!

TNT

NOT THIS TIME, SISTER! THIS CLEAN, MEAN, FIGHTIN' MACHINE IS TAKIN' THE HEDGEHOG DOWN!

BIG TIME!!

BOP!

BOP!

OH BROTHER! NOT AGAIN!

BOP! BOP!

DOESN'T ROBOTNIK EVER GIVE UP?

ROBOTNIK?-- ROBOTNIK?!

THIS ISN'T HIS PLAN, PRINCESS!

BOP BOP BOP

I'M MAKIN' MY MOVE TO MOVE TO THE *TOP* OF ROBOTNIK'S *HIT PARADE!*

ROBOTNIK'S TOP TEN!

1- Bat Brain
2- Grounder
3- Scratch
4- Crabmeat
5- Buzzbomber
6- Jaws
7- Caterkiller
8- Newtron
9- Cluck
10- Coconuts

...AND EARN MY GOLD STAR IN THE PROCESS!

SCRATCH MADE *MINCEMEAT* OUT OF *CRABMEAT* WHEN HE DEEP-SIXED SONIC FOR 16 SECONDS-- THEN HE "FOWLED" OUT!

WHEN *GROUNDER* TRIED TO FLOOR THAT HEDGEHOG, HE GROUNDED OUT AFTER 17 SECONDS!

CLANK!

BAT BRAIN WAS SMARTER THAN THE BOTH OF THEM! HE WINGED IT FOR 37 SECONDS BEFORE FINALLY CAVING IN!

POF!

BUT NOBODY'S GONNA MAKE A MONKEY OUT OF ME! I'M GONNA GO THE DISTANCE!

YOU'RE NUTS!

THAT'S *COCONUTS* TO YOU! HAVEN'T YOU BEEN PAYING ATTENTION?

TNT HIGH EXPLOSIVES

IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE SONIC CLEANS YOUR CLOCK!

AHHH, BUT TIME IS ON MY SIDE!... SEE?

~ EVIL PLAN ~

WHILE MY *TIME BOMB* TICKS AWAY THE SECONDS TO YOUR DOOM, SONIC WILL BE *DAZZLED, DAZED* AND *DELAYED* BY MY NEVER-ENDING MAZE!

gasp!

HEY, KIDS! THINK YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO OUTPACE SONIC? -- *RACE YA!*

CAN YOU GET TO THE END OF THIS MAZE AND AVOID ALL THE SWATBOTS AND TRAPS?

START →

UNDERGROUND EXPLOSIVES

"WHAT'S YOURS IS MINED!"

QUICKSAND

"THAT SINKING FEELING AGAIN!"

BOTTOMLESS PIT AND PENDULUM - "GOOD TO THE LAST DROP!"

TRAPDOOR

"FALL COMES EARLY THIS YEAR!"

3

FUNNY, HE'S NEVER BEEN THIS LATE BEFORE!

PRINCESS, IN CASE THIS IS THE *ONE* TIME WHEN *TIME* BEATS SONIC...

...WE'VE BEEN WONDERING... WHERE DO *WE* RANK ON YOUR "TOP TEN" LIST?

SORRY, BOYS--SONIC TAKES ALL TEN SLOTS ON *MY* LIST! *

* TRUE -Ed.

I *KNEW* IT! IN THE NICK OF TIME AGAIN!

HE-ERE I COME TO SAVE THE DA-A-A-Y!!!

TIME TO EXPLOSION: 00:03

SONIC!!

IT AIN'T *MIGHTY MOUSE!*

EVERYBODY... LET'S MAKE A *TIMELY* ESCAPE!

00:02

SCREEEEEEEE...

WAIT A SECOND! *

WHAT ABOUT MY....

CLICK!

...PLAN?

00:01

* AND THAT'S ALL HE'S GOT.. ONE SECOND! - Ed

UH-OH...

TNT

00:00

KA-

BLOOEY!

GAME OVER

IT'S ABOUT *TIME* YOU GOT HERE!

HEY! I TOOK MY *TIME*!

SECRET HQ

GROAN! WHAT TIME IS IT?

TIME TO GET A NEW CLOCK!

TIL

OH, WELL, I DID GET MY *STARS* EVEN THOUGH I GOT TICKED OFF AND MADE A MONKEY OUT OF MYSELF AGAIN!

THE END

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

THAT'S ME!!

BUY MILK!

in FOOD FOR THOUGHT OR "YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT!"

SINCE IT'S AFTER MIDNIGHT, I'LL MAKE MYSELF A COMBINATION LATE-NIGHT SNACK AND EARLY PRESENT!

WHY? BECAUSE I DESERVE IT!!

AND WHAT'S THE PERFECT GIFT FOR A HUNGRY *HERO*?!

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MORE CHILI-DOGS THAN A HEDGEHOG SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO *HAVE*, OF COURSE!

WONDER WHY THAT IS?

(GROAN)... NOW I KNOW!

I CAN'T BELIEVE I ATE THE *WHOOOOLE* THING!

LOOKS LIKE I'M LOSING THE BATTLE OF THE... BURP! BULGE!

MY TUMMY HURTS!

...DON'T KNOW HOW I'M EVER GONNA GET BACK TO...

...S...LEEP...

ZOOM ZZZZZZ

IT'S NEW!

IT'S IMPROVED!

ZIP!

IT'S FORTIFIED WITH 18 ESSENTIAL VITAMINS... AND IRON!

ZIP!

ZIP!

SCREECH!

WHAT IS THIS NEW TASTE SENSATION... THE FLAVOR OF THE "WEAK"?

IT'S THE FASTEST FOOD ON MOBIUS... SONIC THE CHILI-DOG

WHAT'S COOKIN', PRINCESS?

THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO KNOW!

A PIZZA DELIVERY GUY JUST DROPPED THIS OFF!

HRUMPH! FAN MAIL FROM SOME FLOUNDER, NO DOUBT!

ROLL TAPE!

RATS! I HATE INFOMERCIALS!!

"WHAT'S COOKIN' NOW?" WITH CHEF IVO ROBOT-BURGER

IS THIS THING ON?

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AH-HEM!

TODAY, I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU HOW TO KENTUCKY FRY TAILS ... EXTRA CRISP AND CRUNCHY!!

PLEASE... WHATEVER YOU DO, HOLD THE ONIONS!

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ADD SONIC'S SIDEKICK... SEASONED TO TASTE...

* PAID ENDORSEMENT -

... AND MMMM MMMMMMMMM!! LIP SMACKIN' GOOD!

HI, MA!

DON'T DELAY! ACT TODAY! DIAL 1-800-FREE-FOOD!

GOOD GRIEF! IT LOOKS LIKE TAILS' ***GOOSE*** IS ABOUT TO BE ***COOKED*** ... AND HIM ALONG WITH IT!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, SONIC?

WHAT I ALWAYS DO, PRINCESS...

...PULL THE LITTLE GUYS FAT OUT OF THE DEEP-FAT-FRYER!

...QUICKER THAN YOU CAN SAY...

WELCOME TO BURGE-TROPOLIS HAVE IT MY WAY.. OR ELSE!

OVER 90 BILLION ENSLAVED!

..."WHAT'S THE BEEF?"

ZOOM!!

3

OUR "FISH" HAS TAKEN THE BAIT! HE'S SWALLOWED OUR PARTY LINE... HOOK, LINE AND SINKER! TIME TO REEL HIM IN.' YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO, COCONUTS!

RIGHT, BOSS!

...SEND THAT LITTLE TWINKLE OUT TO LUNCH!

SONIC! LOOK OUT!

ZIP!

PLOP!

WHOOPS!!

SLIDE

THERE IT IS!

THERE HE GOES!

WHOOPS!!

BONK!

I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS DAY WITH GREAT *RELISH*, HEDGEHOG--YOUR *GOOSE* IS COOKED!

GOOSE? THAT REMINDS ME... I'D BETTER *MOVE* MY BUNS!

NO WAY, CHILI-DOG--IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO *FRY*!! HEH, HEH, HEH!

KETCHUP

MUSTARD

RADAR RANGE

YOU FLAME-BROILED FIEND!

WHAT A PICKLE!!

LOOKS LIKE ROBOT-BURGER'S GONNA HAVE IT HIS WAY, AFTER ALL!!

BOING!

OH NOOOOOOOOO

(YAWN) NOW I KNOW HOW THE *CHILI-DOGS* FEEL!

I'M *NEVER* GOING TO LET MY APPETITE GET THE BETTER OF ME AGAIN!

NOT EVEN ON MY BIRTHDAY!

SURPRISE!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, SONIC!

AND WHAT'S THE PERFECT GIFT FOR A HUNGRY HERO?

GULP! CHILI-DOGS?!

ACTUALLY, GUYS, I WAS THINKING OF GOING ON A DIET...

...BUT...

...YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY...

...A CHILI-DOG IS A *DOG-GONE* THING TO *WASTE*!

CHOMP!

YUM!

CHOMP!

CHOMP!

THE END

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PART 1

IS PILING UP ALL OF MY ROBOTS THAT HE TRASHED!!!

HOW METALLICALLY IRONIC... I'M INTO RECYCLING!!

ZOOM!

PLOP!

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(GRUMBLE) THAT BLUE-BLOODED DO-GOODER FOILS MY EVIL SCHEMES EVERY TIME! *TIME* AFTER *TIME*... ...*AFTER TIME!*... HMMM...

GOTTA JUICE, LORD LARD!

RATTLE!

RATTLE!

ZOOSH!

GADZOOKS! WHAT AN IDEA! A *TIME MACHINE!!* HO HO HO HAW HAW HE HO!!

NUBU-NIK INC.

ENVIRONMENTAL — POLLUTERS — APPLY WITHIN

I BUST UP HIS 'BOTS, AND HE LAUGHS! THERE'S A FINE LINE BETWEEN COMEDY AND TRAGEDY!!

OKAY... LET'S DIVE INTO THE HIDDEN ENTRANCE TO THE SECRET VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE... YOU KNOW THE DRILL!

HIYA, TAILS! WHERE'S THE REST OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS?

PRINCESS SALLY WANTS TO SHOW US SOMETHING ON TELEVISION... C'MON!

FWOOSH!

HOW DOES HE DO THAT TAIL THING?

OH, THE GUT-WRENCHING TRAGEDY! (SOB) THE MEGA-HEARTACHE! (CHOKE!)

WOW! SOMETHING HORRIBLE MUST BE HAPPENING!

PRINCESS SALLY

NAH... SHE'S WATCHING HER SOAP OPERA!!

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OH, HI, SONIC! I... ...ER... WAS JUST ABOUT TO TURN ON THE NEWS!

SUUUUURE YOU WERE!

RBV* NEWS

HOSTED BY SWATBOT# 2176

CLICK!

*ROBOTNIK BELLY-VISION - Ed

GOOD DAY! OUR LUMPY LEADER IVO ROBOTNIK HAS JUST UNVEILED HIS LATEST INVENTION... THE MOBILE MONSTER CHAINSAW !!

INDEED!!

WATCH HOW EASILY IT MOWS DOWN THE GREAT FOREST! IT WOOD CLEAR (Snicker) FIFTY ACRES PER MINUTE!!

BUZZZZ

WAAAA!

OMIGOSH... DON'T LOOK, KID!!

GASP!

?

AND NOW... THE WEATHER...

I ALREADY KNOW WHAT THE TEMPERATURE IS... MY BOILING POINT!!!

SONIC... WAIT!!

TOO LATE... BIG BLUE IS BRIGHT RED!!

WHEEE

WOW!! SONIC'S SO HOT, HE BURNED A HOLE TO THE SURFACE!!

ROBOTNIK PUSHED HIM OVER THE EDGE!!!

VOOM!

WHOOPS! I'M OVER THE EDGE... OF THE PAPER!

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SECONDS LATER...

THAT'S THE LAST TREE YOU CUT, BLUBBERBUTT!

BWANG!

BWAAAAA!!!

WHAT?

YOU HEARD ME, 10-W-40 BREATH! NOW COME DOWN HERE AND TAKE YOUR PUNISHMENT LIKE A MAN!!

STILL CAN'T HEAR YOU... COME CLOSER... A LITTLE BIT MORE...

HAW! THE CHAINSAW IS ONLY A DECOY TO LURE YOU INTO THE RANGE OF MY TIME TELEPORTER!!!

HMMMM

WHOA!

"FAREWELL FOREVER, HEDGEHOG!"

1107 A.D.

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29 A.D.

2000 B.C.

7800 B.C.

YEOW! I'M HAVING ONE OF THOSE "I'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE" EXPERIENCES!

OOF!
PLUNK!
WHERE AM I?... WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS? WHAT TIME IS IT?!
TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS: (1) YOU'RE IN PREHISTORIC MOBIUS! (2) I TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS, AND (3) IT'S DINNERTIME!
HOKEY SMOKES! A PTERODON!! *
* PTERODACTYL - Editor
WHATEVER!
AWK!
BUZZZ
NO WAY YOU'RE CHOWING ON MY PORK CHOPS, LEATHER-WINGS!!
UH-OH! THIS BIG LIZARD THINKS I'M A REMEDY FOR HIS "SAUR" THROAT!
NICE OF YOU TO DROP IN!!!
END PART I

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ in A TIMELY ARRIVAL! PART II

... IS NOT ABOUT TO GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS A *DINO-SNACK!!*

GHURGH!

ZHING!

CRACK!

SNAP!

POP!

TWANG

CRACKLE!

I HOPE YOUR MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERS DENTAL!

(SIGH) AND THEY WONDER WHY WE BECAME EXTINCT!...

NICE WORK, *CUZ!*

GASP!

HOLY EVOLUTION! WHO ARE YOU?

ICE AGE OUT!* I'M SONUGH THE BOGHOG!!

*"CHILL OUT" TO US - Editor

BOGHOG?? DON'T YOU MEAN "HEDGE HOG"?!

NEVER HEARD OF A "HEDGE," KIDDO! THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' AROUND HERE EXCEPT VOLCANOES AND BOGS!

C'MON!... I'LL SHOW YOU... IF YOU CAN KEEP UP!

WOW! HE ACCELERATED AS FAST AS I DID... RELATIVELY SPEAKING!

ZOOM

WHAT'S THIS? TWO SONUGH THE BOGHOGS?... OR MAYBE I NEED TO INVENT BIFOCALS!

BEDROCK

THE BOGLANDS

IT WOULDN'T MATTER IF THERE WERE A HUNDRED OF THEM... FOR I, THE WICKED AND EVIL IVO ROBUGHNIK, WILL DESTROY ALL BOGHOGS WITH MY PRIMITIVE MACHINE!

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STAND BY TO *FIRE* ON MY *COMMAND*.!!

YOUR SPOKEN WORD IS *LAW*, OH IMPERIAL WIDE LOAD.!!

(GROAN) THIS WILL BE MORE FUN WHEN I GET TO INVENT ROBOT SLAVES IN 40,000 CENTURIES.!!

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ooo

NO KIDDING? THERE'S A POWER-CRAZED CAVEMAN NAMED *ROBUGHNIK*?! AMAZING.!!

TWANG!

YOU'LL FIND MANY THINGS FASCINATING HERE, COUSIN!

HMMM...YOU MEAN LIKE HOW EARLY IT GETS *DARK*?

THAT'S NOT *NIGHT*... IT'S... ...*UH-OH*!

THUD!

TRA-LA-LA-DEE DOO DYEEE... ♪ ...THE BOGHOGS HAVE ♪ GONE GOODBYE!

AT THAT MOMENT, 400,000 YEARS LATER...

TRA-LA-DEE DO DEE DA... SONIC IS GONE! HOORAY! GOODBYE!!

GASP! ROBOTNIK! SINGING! DANCING!! SMILING!!!

AHEM!...HARUMPH! CRABMEAT... YOU WILL *FORGET* EVERYTHING YOU JUST SAW!!

OH, HOW CAN I? YOU BROKE YOUR OWN RULES!! IT'S FOREVER ETCHED IN MY MEMORY!!

VERY WELL... LET'S DO IT THE *EASY* WAY...

ARE WE ALL SET OUT THERE, SWAT-BOT?

AFFIRMATIVE, OH OVAL OGRE!

CRUNCH!

I SHALL CUT THE RIBBON AND OPEN THE DISPLAY OF MY TIME MACHINE! WHERE'S THE CROWD?

THEY WENT FOR A KEG OF 10-W-40... HEY!! DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING?

SEE THE INVENTIO... THAT SQUASHED SO...

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DANGER-DANGER!!! A SURPRISE ATTACK BY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

EGAD!... I *CAN'T* ESCAPE -- MOTHER TOLD ME *NEVER* TO RUN WITH SCISSORS!

FREEDOM FIGHTERS

FORWARD FOR *SONIC*... AND OUR CAUSE!

CHARGE!

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MEANWHILE...

VERY CLEVER, SONUGH! BURROWING DOWN BEFORE THE ROCK HIT *US!*

THESE ARE THE UNDERGROUND TUNNELS WHERE WE LIVE!

FOLLOW ME... LAST ONE THERE IS A ROTTEN VELOCIRAPTOR EGG!!

YUK!

SOON...

WON'T YOU STAY FOR DINNER, SONIC?

I TOLD YOU... ROTTEN VELOCIRAPTOR EGG!!!

UNHHH... WHAT ARE YOU HAVING?

CAVE SWEET CAVE

HEY, LOOK WHO DROPPED BY! MY FRIENDS THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!!

HI!!!

WHOA! DEJA VU DELUXE!

HEY, WHY DOESN'T THE WHOLE GROUP OF US GO OUTSIDE AND SPIN FOR SOME *TAKE-OUT!!*

GULP!

SHRIEK!!

EASY ON THE "OUTSIDE," SONIC! WE DON'T GO "THERE"--IN FACT, WE'RE PLANNING ON BURROWING FURTHER UNDERGROUND!

SHUDDER! WHIMPER! TREMBLE!

WHAT?

YOU CAN'T DO THAT! YOU ARE MY ANCESTOR! YOU'VE GOTTA LIVE ON THE SURFACE... IN THE SUNSHINE AND FRESH AIR... OTHERWISE, I'LL EVOLVE INTO "SONIC THE MOLE"!

BONK!

BUT IT'S DANGEROUS UP THERE! DINOSAURS! ROBUGHNIK!!

YOU'LL ADAPT! USE YOUR BRAINS! HIDE IN THE HEDGES!

THE WHAT?!

OH, THAT'S RIGHT--YOU DON'T *HAVE* HEDGES YET!... ALLOW ME TO SHOW YOU, SAL-UGH!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

WAIT!!

SEE, YOU DIG UP THESE BUSHES AND REPLANT THEM IN A ROW... TRIM 'EM UP... ADD THE TWO LEVEL EFFECT!!

LAND SAKES!

DON'T YOU MEAN *LAND-SCAPE*?

GEE, THEY *DO* SEEM HAPPIER AND MORE FREE OUT HERE!

SURE! SOME DAY YOU'LL THANK ME FOR THIS, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT, GREAT GRANDPA!

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK! I'M GOING TO INVENT THE SHOVEL!

WE'LL DO IT! LIKE YOU SAID... ADAPT!! USE OUR GRAINS!!

NO -- YOUR BRAINS!! WHOA!!

HOW RUDE! EAT, DISINTEGRATE AND RUN!

YEE-HA! I'M WHITE-WATER RAFTING DOWN THE TIMESTREAM!!

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WHOOF! I GOTTA TALK TO THE BOSS ABOUT A STUNT DOUBLE!

SHOOO

SALLY! TAILS! ROTOR! HOW DID I GET BACK HERE?

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS RAIDED ROBOTNIK'S HEAD-QUARTERS!

WE SWIPED HIS TIME MACHINE, AND BROUGHT YOU HOME!!

SPLAT!

JUST THEN, BACK IN THE STONE AGE...

HMMM... NO... I THINK I LIKED THEM BETTER OVER *THERE!*

(HUFF! PUFF!) I WISH *SONIC* WOULD COME BACK... WHEEZE! SO I COULD PERSONALLY THANK HIM... ...*GRRR!*

HEY, WE'D LIKE THAT ZANY SONIC TO COME BACK TOO! I'D HEDGE ANY BETS THAT YOU'D LIKE THAT TOO!

IF SO, CHISEL... UH... WRITE A LETTER TO "SONIC-GRAMS"!

THE END 7

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ in THE BOLD-HEADED EAGLE

ZOOM!

UH-OH! MAYBE TAKING A SHORTCUT THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS WASN'T SUCH A HOT IDEA! ... I *RAN OUT* OF *ROAD!*

IF I COULD JUST GRAB ONTO SOMETHING... *OW!*...

BAM!

... BUT THE CLIFF IS TOO SHEER... AS IN *SHEER TERROR!* OW!

BAM!

HELP!!

SCRIPT: MIKE KANTEROVICH/KEN PENDERS PENCILLING: ART MAWHINNEY INKING: RICH KOSLOWSKI

KRASH!

WHOA... WH-WHERE AM I? THIS ISN'T HOW I PICTURED HEDGEHOG HEAVEN TO LOOK!

WHO ARE YOU, STRANGER?

AN EAGLE?!

DON'T TRY TO FOOL ME JUST 'CAUSE I'M OLD! I CAN SEE YOU'RE NOT AN EAGLE!

I'M SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, AND I FELL INTO YOUR *NEST* BY ACCIDENT! I WAS LOOKING FOR A WAY TO AVOID SOME OF ROBOTNIK'S 'BOTS...

ROBOTNIK!! THAT'S THE LOW-DOWN SNAKE WHO TURNED ALL OF MY FRIENDS INTO ROBOTS! HE REALLY RUFFLES MY FEATHERS!!

THAT'S HIM, THE DUKE OF PUKE HIMSELF! BUT HOW DID *YOU* MANAGE TO ESCAPE?

BY HIDING OUT IN THE MOUNTAINS, LIKE A *BIRD-BRAINED COWARD!* ... THE NAME'S *CYRIL*, AND I WAS ONCE THE LEADER OF A LARGE FLOCK...

... BUT SINCE THEY WERE ALL CAPTURED I'VE GIVEN UP FLYING! I'M JUST A TIRED OLD BIRD... THE *LAST EAGLE* ON MOBIUS!

THEN I'M GLAD I *FOUND* YOU!

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BUT SONIC'S NOT THE ONLY ONE TO FIND CYRIL...

BOOP! BOOP!

MASTER ROBOTNIK! I'M PICKING UP A FAINT SIGNAL FROM THE MOBIAN MOUNTAINS!

EXCELLENT, SNIVELY! THERE MUST BE SEVERAL NON-ROBOTS HIDING OUT TOGETHER! HOW FORTUNATE!

GET MY TYROLEAN HAT, SNIVELY! YOU AND I ARE GOING FOR A DRIVE UP THE MOUNTAINS IN MY LATEST VILE VEHICLE... THE ***RAMBOT!!***

LATER...

YOU MAY BE OLD, CYRIL, BUT IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD GIVE UP ON LIFE! YOU'VE GOT TO SPREAD YOUR WINGS AND FLY... THEN YOU'LL FEEL LIKE AN ***EAGLE*** AGAIN!

I FEEL MORE LIKE A MOBIAN ***CHICKEN,*** BUT I'LL ***TRY,*** SONIC! HERE GOES...

LOOK! I CAN STILL ***DO*** IT! I CAN ***FLY!***

WAY TO GO, CYRIL!

I CAN...

EEEEEEE!!!

KEEP FLAPPING, CYRIL! KEEP FLAPPING!

SOON...

PUFF- PUFF! AT MY AGE, FLYING IS *FOR THE BIRDS!* I'VE GOT TO STOP AND REST!!

IT'S NO USE! I MAY AS WELL LET ROBOTNIK ROBOTICIZE ME TOO! MAYBE I'LL LEARN TO LIKE THE TASTE OF MACHINE OIL!

CYRIL!

GULP! THE END MUST BE NEAR! I'M SEEING THINGS!!

NO YOU'RE NOT, CYRIL! WE'RE MEMBERS OF YOUR FLOCK, REMEMBER?

WE'VE BEEN HIDING OUT FOR YEARS!

WE THOUGHT ROBOTNIK HAD CAPTURED YOU!

CAPTURE ME?! *NEVER!*

AND TO THINK I ALMOST GAVE UP! I OWE A GREAT DEAL TO THAT YOUNG HEDGEHOG!

MEANWHILE...

I SHOULD NEVER HAVE TALKED CYRIL INTO *TESTING* HIS WINGS! HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SPOTTED BY A 'BOT...OR ROBOTNIK HIMSELF!

OH, I WOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT THAT...

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YOU!

SURPRISE! I WOULD ADVISE YOU NOT TO MOVE A MUSCLE, HEDGEHOG, OR MY *RAMBOT* WILL GO ON A *RAM PAGE!* HAW, HAW, HAW! I'M SO WITTY!

EXCUSE ME, OH DELUDED ONE, BUT I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD...

QUIET, SNIVELY! NOW, TELL ME, HEDGEHOG, HOW MANY OF YOUR FRIENDS ARE HERE WITH YOU, AND WHERE CAN I FIND THEM?

FORGET IT!... AND DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE A LITTLE BIG FOR THAT *PINOCCHIO COSTUME?*

HOW *DARE* YOU INSULT ME! TAKE *THAT*, IMPUDENT FOOL!!

MASTER ROBOTNIK, I...

VROOM!!

SMASH!

DON'T WORRY, LITTLE SONIC! I'VE GOT YA!

CYRIL!

SNIVELY!! THE HEDGEHOG WAS RESCUED BY AN EAGLE!!

PLEASE DO NOT RAISE YOUR VOICE, MASTER!

... AND REFRAIN FROM MOVING UNTIL HELP ARRIVES! AS I TRIED TO WARN YOU, MASTER, THE CLIFF IS NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO SUPPORT OUR VEHICLE!

RUMBLE!

!!!

SOON...

I FEEL LIKE A NEW BIRD, SONIC, THANKS TO YOU! WHERE CAN I DROP YOU OFF?

JUST FLY ME HOME TO KNOTHOLE, CYRIL!

... AFTER THE DAY I HAD, I DON'T WANT TO BE "DROPPED-OFF" ANYWHERE!

The END

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ in THE LYNX IS A JINX!

I'VE GOT ONE... WHAT?!

SORRY, 'BOT-BUTTS! THESE ARE TWO ANIMALS THAT YOU'RE *NOT* GOING TO TURN INTO ROBOTS!

THE HEDGEHOG!!

ROOM!

SCRIPT: ANGELO DeCESARE PENCILLING: ART MAWHINNEY INKING: RICH KOSLOWSKI

I HATE IT WHEN ROBOTNIK SENDS HIS SWATBOTS ON A RAID! IT FORCES US FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO FIND THE FOREST ANIMALS BEFORE THE 'BOTS DO! A REALLY FUN GAME... *NOT!!*

WHOOSH!

HERE ARE TWO MORE, DUDES!

WE HAVE A PROBLEM, SONIC!

MY DETECTOR SHOWS THAT THERE'S SOMEONE HIGH UP IN THIS TREE...

...BUT HE WON'T GET DOWN, EVEN THOUGH THE 'BOTS ARE COMING!

NO PROBLEM! I'LL GET TO HIM WITH "*TREE-MENDOUS*" SPEED!

ZOOM!

HEY, YOU'RE A LYNX!

BETTER NOT STAY HERE! IF THE 'BOTS CATCH YOU, YOU'LL NEVER NEED *IRON* IN YOUR DIET AGAIN!

SO WHAT? I'M *USED* TO BAD LUCK!

I'M *LARRY LYNX--SUPER JINX!* I BRING MISFORTUNE TO EVERYONE I COME IN CONTACT WITH!

THAT'S *RIDICULOUS!* YOU'RE COMING BACK TO KNOTHOLE WITH US AND...WHAT'S THAT *NOISE?*

CRACK!

THE TREE BRANCH JUST BROKE OFF!

!!

CRASH!

UH...WHERE CAN I FIND A RABBIT'S FOOT AND A FOUR LEAF CLOVER?

SOON...

I THINK MY *QUILL* IS SPRAINED!

...AND SO IS MY ARM!

...AND MY FOOT!

...AND MY BACK!

THAT'S NOTHING! HOW DO I GET THIS *KNOT* OUT OF MY TAILS?

I'M SORRY, SONIC! I'D LIKE TO BE FAIR! BUT IF LARRY *IS* A JINX, HE COULD CAUSE A DISASTER THAT WOULD MEAN THE *END* OF THE *FREEDOM FIGHTERS!*

THAT'S A RISK WE CAN'T AFFORD TO TAKE! YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND ANOTHER PLACE TO HIDE LARRY BESIDES KNOTHOLE! C'MON, GUYS!

BUT SALLY...

SHE'S RIGHT, SONIC...

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...YOU'D BETTER GET AWAY FROM ME BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

NO WAY! SONIC THE HEDGEHOG *NEVER* ABANDONS A FRIEND...

BOP! BOP! BOP! BOP! BOP! BOP! BOP!

SONIC! ARE YOU OKAY?

SURE!... UH, CAN YOU TELL ME THAT BIT ABOUT BEING A JINX AGAIN?

LATER...

WHAT YOU NEED IS SOME GOOD LUCK TO BREAK YOUR BAD LUCK STREAK, LARRY!

... AND WE'LL START BY FINDING YOU A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE, LIKE A CAVE!

SONIC, LOOK!!

OH NO!

KEEP MOVING, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

MASTER ROBOTNIK IS ON HIS WAY TO CONGRATULATE US AND TO MEET HIS FUTURE SLAVES!!

THE SWATBOTS HAVE CAPTURED SALLY AND THE GANG! THEY'RE TAKING THEM BACK TO ROBOTROPOLIS TO BE *ROBOTICIZED!!*

WHAT ARE THEY WEARING AROUND THEIR NECKS, SONIC?

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STEEL COLLARS, HELD TOGETHER BY A *MAGNETIC FIELD* AND CONTROLLED BY THE LEAD 'BOT!

:SIGH: THIS IS ALL MY FAULT, SONIC! I'M A *JINX*!

IF IT *IS*, LARRY, THEN MAYBE IT'S TIME WE PUT SOME OF THAT BAD LUCK TO WORK FOR US!

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GET GOING! I WANT THE SWATBOTS TO SEE YOU!

I GUESS I CAN'T BLAME YOU FOR GIVING UP ON ME, SONIC!

ANOTHER LIVING BEING!

GET HIM!!

I'LL GRAB HIM, 90763!

NO, I WILL, 24885!

SLAM!

!!

I WILL TURN UP THE MAGNETIZER AND STUN HIM INTO SUBMISSION...

!!

...I MISSED HIM!!

ZAP!

ZAP!

?!

ZZAP!

ZAP!

FZZAP!!!

!!

WHOA! I CAUGHT THE CONTROLS! NOW TO FREE THE *GANG*!!

NOT SO FAST, HEDGEHOG!!

AT LAST, I HAVE YOU RIGHT WHERE I WANT YOU! IT'S MY *LUCKY DAY*!! HA *HA* HO *HO* HEE *HEE* HO *HO*!!!

STOP!! DON'T HURT MY FRIEND *SONIC*!

LOOK OUT, LARRY!

BROOOM!

SCREECH!!

WHAT HAPPENED?! I'VE LOST CONTROL! I CAN'T STEER!

KBAM

I HATE THAT HEDGEHOG, AND THAT LYNX, TOO!!

MY PLAN WORKED, LARRY! I KNEW THAT SOONER OR LATER YOUR BAD LUCK WOULD BRING SOMEONE ELSE GOOD LUCK!

...NAMELY, US!!

THE BAD LUCK STREAK IS BROKEN, LARRY...AND I KNOW HOW TO PROVE IT!

?!

BACK AT KNOTHOLE...

MATE!

LARRY'S WON FIFTY GAMES OF CHESS IN A ROW, SONIC! I THINK YOU'VE PROVEN YOUR POINT!

UH... JUST "CHECKING, MATES"!

THE END

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THIS ISLAND HEDGEHOG

PART 1

YOU'RE RIGHT, TAILS! WE FLY OUT LOOKING FOR ROBOTNIK'S HOVERCRAFT--

--AND WE FIND AN *ISLAND IN THE SKY!*

SONIC

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DEDICATED TO OUR INSPIRATION, *JACK "KING" KIRBY*

WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE IS KEEPING IT FROM FALLING?

PROBABLY A *CHAOS EMERALD*--

OF COURSE THAT'S ONLY A THEORY!

STILL, IT SEEMS THE MOST LOGICAL EXPLANATION!

AHHH... A COUPLE OF UNWANTED GUESTS!

MAYBE WE SHOULD CHECK IT OUT!

TIME TO ROLL OUT THE *UNWELCOME MAT!*

TALK ABOUT *DIRECT HITS...!*

YEAH! RIGHT ON TARGET WITH A *ROCKET!*

WHAT A WAY TO GREET A COUPLE OF TOURISTS!

LET'S BAIL!

THWOK!

WELCOME

THIS IS "PLANE" CRAZY!

Snatch!

WHO'D WANT TO SHOOT DOWN A COUPLE OF SWELL GUYS LIKE US?

NEED YOU ASK?... THIS SMELLS ROTTEN WITH A CAPITAL "R"!

--"R" AS IN *ROBOTNIK!*

CRASH!

SO MUCH FOR OUR TICKET HOME!

IS THIS ANY WAY TO RUN AN AIRLINE?

I HATE THESE *UNSCHEDULED* STOPS!

SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW, SONIC?

FIND OUT IF THE NATIVES ARE *RESTLESS*, I GUESS! MAYBE THEY CAN POINT US TO THE NEAREST TRAVEL AGENT AND BOOK PASSAGE ON THE NEXT FLIGHT TO KNOTHOLE FOREST!

NEITHER OF YOU ARE GOING ANYWHERE--

--EXCEPT *DOWN*--

BOING!

"--AND *OUT!*"

INCOMING!

FWOOSH!

I'VE HEARD OF *WARM RECEPTIONS*, BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

IT'S AN ASSAULTING BATTER BLIMP! WE'D BETTER DUCK AND COVER!

POF!

POF!

OOOOOOOSH!

HOLY 16-BIT GRAPHICS!

I THINK I'VE JUST BEEN COVERED BY SOME SORT OF *ENERGY SHIELD!*

SCHOOOUUUMP!

NO TELLING HOW LONG THE EFFECT WILL LAST! BETTER GET OUR FEET WET WHILE WE'RE STILL ABLE! HIT THE DRINK, TAILS!

BUT IT ISN'T EVEN *SATURDAY NIGHT!*

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AT THIS RATE WE MAY NEVER SEE SUNDAY MORNING!

MY BRIGHT, SHINY NEW SHIELD'S FIZZLED OUT--

BLUB! BLUB! BLUB!

-- AND THERE'S NEVER A PLUMBER AROUND WHEN YOU REALLY NEED ONE!

IS THIS WHAT THEY MEAN BY "GO WITH THE FLOW"?

HEY, READERS! HELP SONIC BY PUSHING THOSE BUTTONS ON YOUR *SEGA GENESIS*!

CRUMBLE!

WHOOPS! NOT QUICK ENOUGH! OH WELL, PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!

SWOOOOOSHH!

IT'S NO USE!--

-- WE CAN'T FIGHT THIS SUCTION ANY LONGER!--

WE'RE GOING DOWN THE DRAIN!

BLACKING OUT--

LOOKS--

LIKE WE'RE--

-- SUNK...

HEY!

WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?

CLICK!

THAT'S BETTER!

NOW FOR THE $64,000 QUESTION--

WHERE *ARE* WE?

EXACTLY WHERE I WANT YOU TO BE!

THAT'S *NOT* THE VOICE WE ALL KNOW AND DESPISE!

THEN-- WHO IS IT?

THAT'S THE FIRST *INTELLIGENT* QUESTION I'VE HEARD ALL DAY!

ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF!

I'M *KNUCKLES*--LAST OF THE ECHIDNA-- AND GUARDIAN OF THE *CHAOS EMERALD*!

MY PAL ROBOTNIK TOLD ME HOW YOU GUYS WERE PLANNIN' TO PUT THE SNATCH ON THE JEWEL!

WE DON'T TAKE KINDLY TO *TRESPASSERS* ON THE FLOATING ISLAND--

BUT WE *HATE* WOULD-BE *THIEVES* EVEN WORSE!

End of Part I

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IN THIS ISLAND HEDGEHOG

PART 2

YOU WERE RIGHT! IT IS A *CHAOS EMERALD* THAT KEEPS THIS ISLAND AFLOAT!

CORRECT, YOU TWO-TAILED TWIT!

WHILE THAT DOPE OF A DUPE DEALS WITH MY HATED ENEMY --

--WE SHALL ABSCOND WITH THE GEM IN QUESTION--AND USE ITS ENERGIES TO RECHARGE MY CRIPPLED *HOVERCRAFT!*

OOOH, YOU'RE SO EVIL, DOCTOR!-- PLAYING THE ECHIDNA AGAINST THE HEDGEHOG WAS A STROKE OF *GENIUS!*

I KNOW, SNIVELY, *I KNOW!*

WATCH CAREFULLY!

THIS IS THE PART I REALLY LIKE!

THAT PROVES IT! ROBOTNIK WAS RIGHT!

HOW ELSE WOULD YOU GUYS KNOW ABOUT THE EMERALD?

YOU JUST TOLD US ON THE *LAST PAGE* OF *PART ONE!*

YEAH, LIKE DUH!

OH, A COUPLE OF *WISE ACRES*, EH? WELL, I'M GONNA MAKE YOU *ACHE* ALL RIGHT--

--WITH A "*KNUCKLES' SANDWICH!*"

STILL, WE ECHIDNAS ARE FIRM, BUT *FAIR!*

I'M GONNA GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO GET OUT OF MY LIFE --

--AND OFF OF MY ISLAND!

YOU GOT A TEN-MINUTE HEAD START BEFORE I COME *GUNNIN'* FOR YA!

IF YOU AREN'T GOOD AND GONE BY THEN...

:gulp:

:gulp:

NICE GUY!

YEAH, NICE LIKE OL' ROBOTNIK!

LET'S JUICE, TAILS!-- WE'VE GOT TO PROVE OUR INNOCENCE IN TEN MINUTES OR LESS!

GOTHAM CITY 14 MILES

KNUCKLES!!

IS YOUR BRAIN AS TINY AS THE INSECTS YOU DEVOUR?

THOSE TWO ARE ***JEWEL THIEVES***, NOT FREEDOM FIGHTERS -- LIKE ME!*

* LIAR, LIAR, MUSTACHE ON FIRE! - Editor

YOU'VE LET THEM SLIP THROUGH YOUR FINGERS!

KEEP YOUR SHIRT ON, DOC! YOU TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS --

--WHILE I ***GIVE*** THOSE GUYS THE BUSINESS!

OOOH, HOW I HATE ***FREE WILL!*** THE ECHIDNA HAS LEFT ME LITTLE CHOICE!

TIME TO MOVE UP THE COUNT-DOWN TO BLAST-OFF!

BZZZZZZZZZZZZZZZ

SWATBOT XL-5, HAS THAT CURMUDGEONLY CRUSTACEAN CRABMEAT RETURNED WITH MY NEW POWER SOURCE?

YES, LORD-ROBOTNIK! HE-APPROACHES-EVEN-AS-WE-SPEAK!

YOUR ***CHAOS EMERALD***, M'LORD!

WELL DONE, CRABMEAT! IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY--

--WITH GREAT GENIUS COMES GREAT POWER!

AT LAST!

ALL THE FORCES OF THE UNIVERSE IN ONE BRIGHT, SHINY, GREEN JEWEL!

I PITY THE HEDGEHOG WHO MESSES WITH ME NOW!

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MEANWHILE...

THIS TARZAN STUFF IS FOR THE BIRDS -- NOT FOR FOXES!

-- OR HEDGEHOGS!

WE KNOW WE'RE INNOCENT, SONIC, BUT HOW DO WE PROVE IT?

WE'RE NOT GOING TO, TAILS! IF THINGS RUN TRUE TO FORM -- ROBOTNIK WILL DO IT FOR US!

THEY'RE NOT LEAVIN'!

GOOD THING I'M NOT THE TRUSTIN' TYPE!

THOSE BUMS ARE HEADIN' STRAIGHT FOR THE JEWEL!

THIS CALLS FOR DRASTIC ACTION!

BETTER HOOF IT THROUGH THE HIDDEN PASSAGEWAY...

...AND HEAD 'EM OFF AT --

-- THE STONE?!

POP!

IT ISN'T THERE ANY MORE!

YOU GUYS COULDN'T HAVE TAKEN IT-- CUZ YOU'RE ONLY JUST NOW GETTIN' HERE!

WHICH MEANS--

?

?

--I'VE BEEN PLAYED FOR A SAP!

AND NOBODY--

BUT *NOBODY*--

PLAYS KNUCKLES FOR A SAP AND GETS AWAY WITH IT!

LEAD ME TO ROBOTNIK!!

ALL ABOARD! NEXT STOP-- ROBOTROPOLIS!

ATOMIC BATTERIES TO POWER, TURBINES TO SPEED!

SPLENDID! READY TO MOVE OUT!

THE EMERALD HAS DONE ITS WORK WELL, YOUR LORDSHIP!

YES!

WE'D BEST HANG ON TO THIS BAUBLE--

NO TELLING WHEN WE MAY NEED IT--

--AGAIN?!

WHOOSH!

LOOKING FOR THIS, ROBO-BUTT?

WELL, LOOK NO FURTHER!

ME AND THE HEDGEHOG HAVE COME TO AN UNDER-STANDIN'!

WE UNDER STAND THAT YOU'RE A JERK!

GET THEM! GET THEM...

NOW!

WHOMP! BOMP! ALU-BOMP!

A-WOMP BAM!

BOOM!

NICE JOB!

SMAK!

YOU, TOO!

UH, FELLAS... WHERE'S ROBOTNIK?

VA-ROOM!

THE ENGINES!

WE'RE MOVING!

RATS! THIS IS *STILL* NO WAY TO RUN AN AIRLINE!

IS IT ALWAYS THIS WAY WIT YOU GUYS?

EVERY DAY--

ALL THE TIME!

YOU MAY HAVE WON THIS ROUND, HEDGEHOG --

--BUT I'LL GET YOU YET!--

--AND THAT ECHIDNA KNUCKLES, TOO!

HOP!

SKIP!

JUMP

SPLASH

SPLASH!

GOOD RIDDANCE TO BAD RUBBISH!

SPEAKING OF THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN *TRASHED*--

WHAT ABOUT OUR PLANE?

FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK...

WHILE YOU GUYS WERE SLEEPING OFF YOUR UNEXPECTED SWIM, I WAS BUSY "PICKIN' UP THE PIECES!"

GREAT!

ZIP!

ZIP!

ZIP!

I LOVE PUZZLES!

ZIP!

ESPECIALLY...

SONIC

TA-DA!

...ONCE THEY'VE BEEN PUT TOGETHER!

...SHOWOFF!

THAT HEDGEHOG'S ONE PALOOKA THAT WILL KEEP YOU *RUNNIN'*!

ZOOM!

STILL--

--I HAVE THIS FUNNY FEELING THAT I HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF THOSE MUGS!

IS **KNUCKLES** FRIEND OR FOE??? SONIC AND TAILS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW!! CHECK OUT UPCOMING ISSUES FOR FURTHER DETAILS!

The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

in

SPACE IN YO' FACE! PART I...

HOLD STILL WHILE I CARVE YOUR BLOCKHEAD... I MEAN, YOUR HEAD FROM A BLOCK, ANTOINE!

HOW EZZ ZIS, SONIC?

SONIC HAS FOUND A WAY TO COMBINE HIS SONIC SPIN WITH HIS ARTISTIC SKILLS, BUNNIE!

WHIRRRRR!!

ANTOINE

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HE CAN SHAPE A BLOCK OF WOOD, A BOULDER, OR EVEN A PIECE OF CLAY INTO A STATUE IN SECONDS!

SONIC, STOP!!

WHAT THE...

BZZZZAP!

SALLY! ROTOR! YOU MADE ME RUIN ANTOINE'S STATUE... EVEN IF IT *IS* AN IMPROVEMENT!

EEKK!!

SORRY, SONIC!

NEVER MIND THAT, SONIC! ROTOR AND I JUST CAME BACK FROM A RECONNAIS-SANCE MISSION OUTSIDE ROBOTROPOLIS!

ANTOINE

MMM...

THAT MAD TYRANT ROBOTNIK HAS BUILT AN ORBITING SPACE WEAPON CALLED ROBOSTORM! IT CAN FIRE A SERIES OF POWERFUL RAYS AT OUR PLANET...

...AND *ROBOTICIZE* ANY LIVING BEING WITHIN A HUNDRED-MILE RADIUS!

IT CAN ALSO CAUSE YOUR TV SET TO ONLY TUNE TO INFOMERCIALS!!

HOW DO YOU KNOW ALL ZIS, PRINCESS?

WE SAW THE SPACE WEAPON AND OVERHEARD ROBOTNIK BRAGGING ABOUT HOW HE INVENTED IT!

HE PROBABLY *STOLE* THE IDEA FROM A COMIC BOOK!

WE'VE GOT TO STOP THIS ROBOSTORM FROM BEING LAUNCHED OR WE'RE ALL HISTORY, DUDES!

I HAVE A PLAN...

...BUT WE'LL HAVE TO GET PAST A TEAM OF SWATBOTS!!

HEY, NO SWAT... I MEAN, NO SWEAT, MAN!

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LATER, JUST OUTSIDE ROBOTROPOLIS...

ROBOTNIK REALLY LOVES HIMSELF! EVERYTHING HE BUILDS LOOKS LIKE *HIM!!*

HOW CAN YOU GET RID OF ALL THOSE SWATBOTS, SONIC?

BY MOVING SO *FAST*, THAT ONLY *ONE* BOT AT A TIME WILL SEE ME! WATCH...

THE HEDGEHOG!

TA-DAH!

YO! BOT! CAN'T CATCH ME!!

?!

GUESS WHO?!

YOU!!

KICK!

KNOCK! KNOCK!

!!

SUCCESS!!

YOU CAN'T ESCAPE FROM ME, HEDGEHOG!!

THIS IS OUR CHANCE, FREEDOM FIGHTERS! LET'S GO FOR IT!

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INSIDE ROBOSTORM...

START SABOTAGING THE MAIN CIRCUITS, GUYS!

THE *CIRCUITS*? OH, BOY! WHERE ARE THE CLOWNS?

YOU ARE THE ONLY CLOWN AROUND HERE, TAILS!

...SPEAKING OF *CLOWNS*...

...HERE COMES A REAL *BOZO*!

ROBOTNIK!

...YES, SNIVELY, THIS IS TRULY THE NASTIEST, MOST EVIL, VILE AND BEASTLY DEVICE I'VE EVER INVENTED!

CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE, MASTER ROBOTNIK!

THANK YOU! JUST THINK HOW THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL FEEL WHEN THEY'RE SUDDENLY ROBOTICIZED BY A BLAST FROM ABOVE!...

...THAT IS, IF THEY'RE STILL ABLE TO *FEEL* ANYTHING... HAHAHAHOHOHO!

MASTER! THE SWATBOTS WHO WERE GUARDING ROBOSTORM ARE *GONE*...

... AND THE DOOR IS *OPEN*!

SOMEONE IS *INSIDE*! I'LL *CRUSH* THEM!! I'LL *ANNIHILATE* THEM!! I'LL...

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...I'LL GET A NEW SPACE SUIT ...SMOKEY BLACK JUST ISN'T MY COLOR!!

MAY I SUGGEST THAT WE PURSUE THEM, YOUR SOOTINESS?

WWW

PROAR!!!

SOON...

IT'S COOL THAT WE ESCAPED IN ROBOSTORM, SALLY, BUT HOW CAN WE *SABOTAGE* IT WHILE WE'RE *IN* IT?

WE *CAN'T*, SONIC...

...THAT'S WHY I'M TRYING TO TAKE US BACK TO KNOTHOLE!

JUST *LOOK* OUT THERE, SUGAR! ISN'T OUTER SPACE *AWESOME*?

IT'S KIND OF *SCARY*, BUNNIE...

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I FEEL LIKE WE'RE TRAPPED INSIDE A GIANT GUMBALL MACHINE!

THOSE GUMBALLS ARE THE ONE HUNDRED MOONS THAT ORBIT OUR PLANET, TAILS!

THERE THEY ARE, OH DEMENTED ONE! SHALL I BLAST THEM WITH THE DE-ENERGIZER?

WAIT TILL I COVER MY EYES, SNIVELY!

...I CAN'T STAND TO WATCH YOU BLAST SOMETHING THAT HAS MY GLORIOUS LIKENESS!!

READY... AIM...

KA-BLAM!

WHAT HAPPENED? ... IS EVERYONE ALL RIGHT?

I'M OKAY, BUT THIS SCENE IS UPSIDE DOWN!

I JUST DRAINED ALL THE POWER FROM YOUR SHIP!... NOW I'LL EITHER TOW YOU BACK TO MOBIUS AND ROBOTICIZE YOU...

...OR I'LL LEAVE YOU TO DRIFT IN SPACE FOREVER! HEE HEE HAHAHAHA HAAA HA!!

!!

END OF PART I.. 6

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

in SPACE IN YO' FACE!

PART II

...AND THE REST OF YOU, MY FUTURE SLAVES... PREPARE FOR YOUR *LAST RIDE!!*

LOOK, SAL! THE CONTROL PANEL SAYS THAT THERE'S STILL SOME AUXILIARY POWER LEFT...

...ENOUGH TO FLY A SHORT DISTANCE!

BUT WE'RE THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM MOBIUS!

RIGHT! BUT I CAN GET US TO ONE OF THOSE MOONS! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE TO SURVIVE!!

LET'S *DO* IT!

SNIVELY!!! THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE ESCAPING! *CATCH THEM!!*

FOOOM!!!

THAT MOON STRAIGHT AHEAD IS THE NEAREST, SONIC!

I SUPPOSE IT'S TOO LATE TO MENTION THAT I PREFER STRIPED MOONS TO POLKA-DOT ONES!

OH NO!!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE?

NO, WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER FOR A SOFT LANDING!

HOLD ON TIGHT! WE'RE GONNA CRASH!!!

SPLAT!

SPLATT?!

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO "CRASH"?

WE DIDN'T CRASH, WE SUNK!

SANK!

SINKED!

WE'RE ALMOST TOTALLY SUBMERGED IN MUD!

YOU MEAN, "MUCK"!

THIS MUST BE THE LEGENDARY MOON KNOWN AS "MUCKURY"! THE ENTIRE SURFACE IS COVERED WITH A THICK LAYER OF MUCK!!

...AND THE AIR IS TOO THIN TO BREATHE FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME!

GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO STAY TOGETHER THROUGH *THICK* AND *THIN*!!

NO, TAILS! WE WILL HAVE TO STAY HERE UNTIL **I** CAN THINK OF SOMEZING CLEVER!!

SORRY, TWAN...

...I DON'T THINK ROBOTNIK WILL WAIT THAT MANY YEARS!

WELL, WELL! THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE STUCK IN THE MUCK, SNIVELY!!

EXCUSE ME, YOUR GROSSNESS, BUT SO ARE *WE*!

SPLOTT!

CORRECT, SNIVELY, BUT YOU'RE FORGETTING...

CLANK!

...THAT OUR SHIP...

KLUNK!

...IS A TRANSFORMER!

KER-CHUNK!

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I'M GOING TO HAVE TO FREE SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS FROM THE MUCK... WITH A HARD KICK!!

WOULD YOU DO THE HONORS, SNIVELY? I CAN'T BEAR TO KICK MY OWN LOVELY HEAD!

OF COURSE, MASTER!

WELL DONE, SNIVELY!! I'VE INVENTED A NEW GAME... FREEDOM FIGHTER FOOTBALL!!

SLAM!

... I NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET SUCH A KICK OUT OF KICKING MYSELF!!! HAHAHAHOHOHOHO!!!

SPLAT!

SPLOOSH!

SPLOT!

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YOUR LOWNESS, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WERE *NOT* IN ROBOSTORM WHEN WE *KICKED* IT!

WHAT?!

GET THEM!

GASP! WE CAN'T LAST VERY LONG IN THIS THIN AIR, SONIC!

AND WE WON'T *GET* FAR IN THIS *MUCK*!!

WE ARE IN ZEE DEEP TROUBLE!!

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN!

HERE HE COMES, DUDES!

THERE MUST BE A WAY TO STOP THIS GUY!! HE'S GOT TO HAVE A WEAKNESS!!

WHAT WAS IT THAT BUNNIE SAID?

ROBOTNIK REALLY LOVES HIMSELF! EVERYTHING HE BUILDS LOOKS LIKE HIM!

YOU FORGOT *PART ONE* OF THIS STORY!

THAT'S RIGHT! IT WAS ON PAGE *THREE*!

I HAVE JUST ENOUGH ENERGY LEFT FOR ONE LAST SUPER SONIC SPIN!!

WHIRR!!..

WHIRR!!..

WHIRRR!!!

WHIRR!..

SNIVELY! WHAT IS THE HEDGEHOG DOIN'TO THAT MOUNTAIN OF MUSH?

HE APPEARS TO BE CHANGING ITS SHAPE, MASTER!

WELL, *STOP* HIM, SNIVELY, BEFORE I...

WAIT!!! I MUST HAVE A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS!!

IT'S MAGNIFICENT!! IT'S COLOSSAL!! IT'S THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING I'VE EVER SEEN!...

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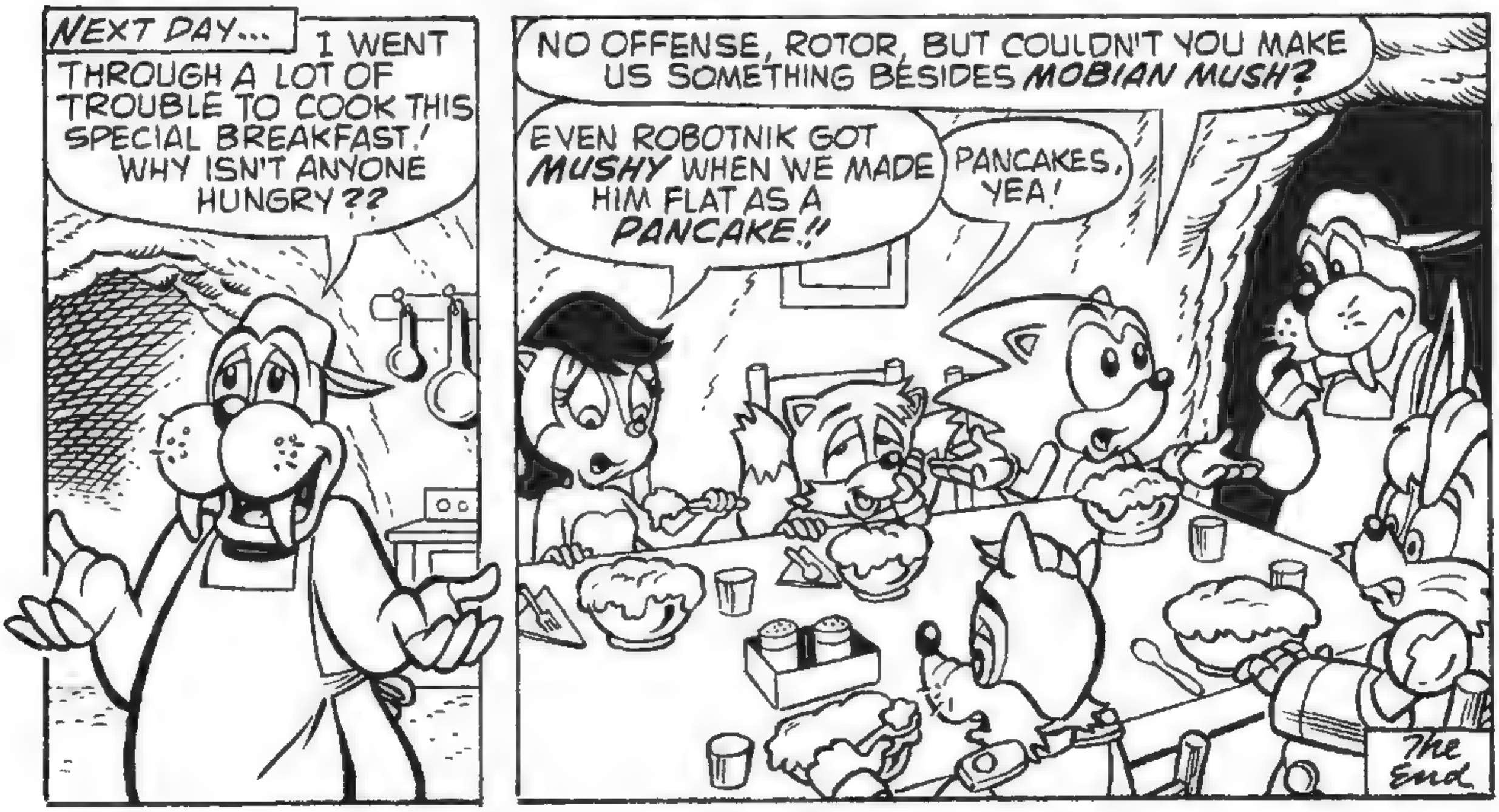
...IT'S ME!!
SCULPTED FROM A MOUNTAIN OF MUSH!
IT'S STUPENDOUS!
IT'S PERFECT...
IT'S...

...FALLING!

YAAAAHHH!!!

KER-SPLAT!

I'LL USE MY SPEED TO CLEAR A PATH THROUGH THE MUCK TO ROBOTNIK'S SHIP! FOLLOW ME, DUDES!
WAY TO RUN A-MUCK, SONIC!
VROOM!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE, YOU IDIOT! DIG ME OUT!!
YES, MASTER! BUT I'M AFRAID THIS IS GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME!
ALL I HAVE IS A SPOON!!


NEXT DAY...
I WENT THROUGH A LOT OF TROUBLE TO COOK THIS SPECIAL BREAKFAST! WHY ISN'T ANYONE HUNGRY??
NO OFFENSE, ROTOR, BUT COULDN'T YOU MAKE US SOMETHING BESIDES MOBIAN MUSH?
EVEN ROBOTNIK GOT MUSHY WHEN WE MADE HIM FLAT AS A PANCAKE!!
PANCAKES, YEA!
The End

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OOOPS! NOW MY NAME IS MUD!

MANAK & D'AGOSTINO

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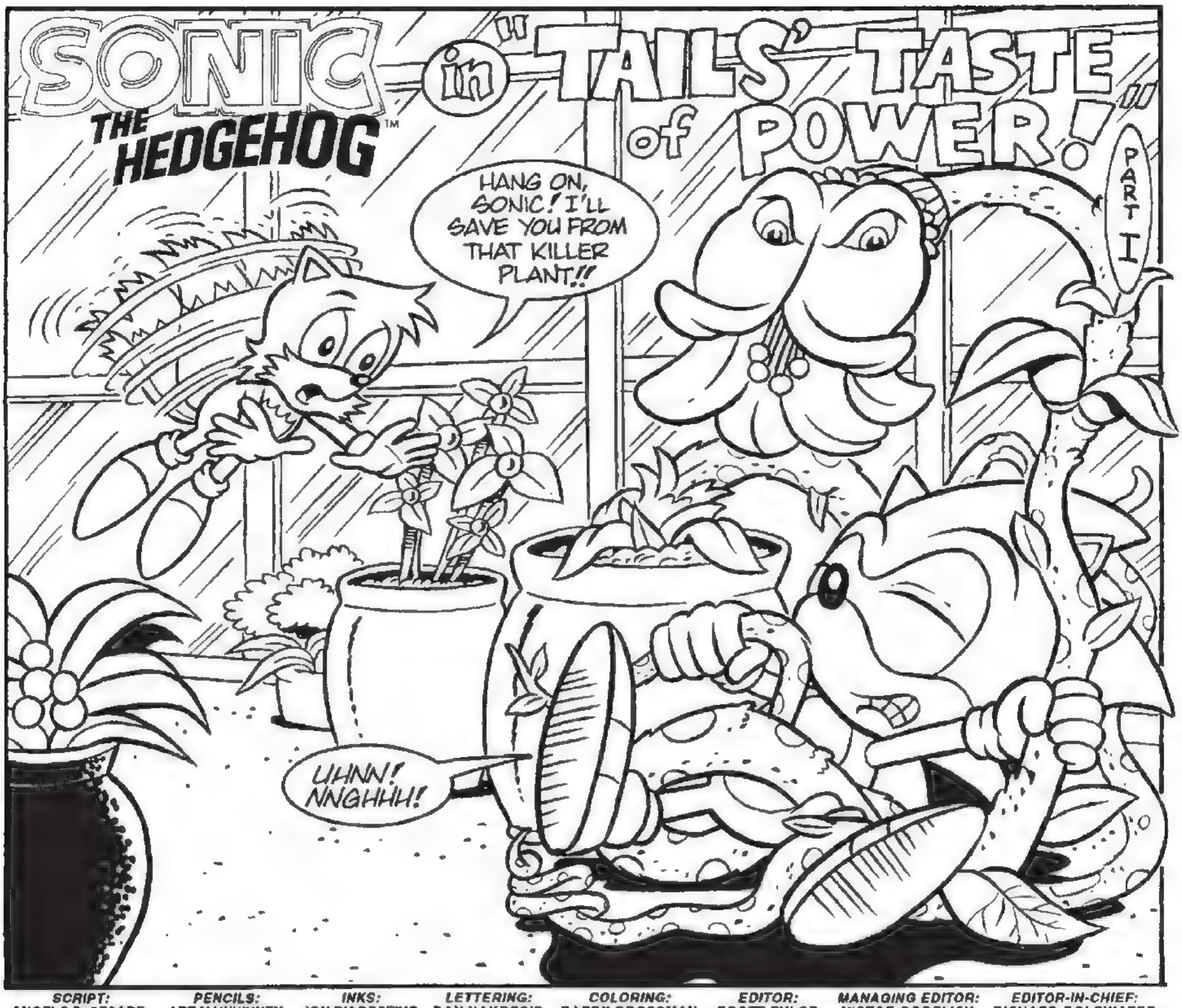

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BUT IF YOU REALLY WANT TO HELP, LITTLE BUDDY, YOU CAN TAKE OVER FOR ME, AND...

WOW! YOU WANT *ME* TO TAKE OVER FOR YOU? I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IMAGINE, ME, TAILS, FILLING IN FOR MY HERO AS LEADER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS! THANKS, SONIC, I...

TAILS!...

...I WAS ABOUT TO SAY, "CAN YOU TAKE OVER FOR ME AND *WATER ROTOR'S PLANTS?!*"

OH.

SORRY, LITTLE BUDDY, BUT YOU'RE NOT READY TO BE A LEADER YET! NOW I'VE GOTTA JUICE! LATER, DUDE!

SOON...

(SIGH!) SONIC'S RIGHT! I'M NO LEADER! I CAN'T EVEN GET A *LEAD* ON THE LOCATION OF SOME FOOD AND I'M HUNGRY FROM ALL THIS WORK!

HEY! LOOK AT THE YUMMY PIECE OF FRUIT HANGING FROM THAT BRANCH!

LATER...

--YOU MEAN YOU LEFT *TAILS* IN CHARGE OF MY GREENHOUSE?

IT'S COOL, ROTOR! HE ONLY *WATERED* YOUR PLANTS!

...THAT'S SOMETHING EVEN LITTLE TAILS CAN HANDLE!

YOW! HOW DID MY PLANTS GET *SO BIG?!*

GREETINGS, FELLOW FREEDOM FIGHTERS! IT WAS *I* WHO CAUSED THE PLANTS TO FLOURISH!

!?

IT'S QUITE SIMPLE, REALLY! I CREATED A NEW PLANT FOOD BASED ON THE EQUATION "X" EQUALS THE DEGREE OF SUNLIGHT TIMES THE NUMBER OF CHROMOSOMES DIVIDED BY THE PROCESS OF PHOTOSYNTHESIS!!

WHA?

HUH?!

LOOK OUT, ROTOR! TAILS' BODY HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY AN EVIL ROBOT GARDENER!

WAIT, SONIC! HOW DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT PLANTS, TAILS?

I... I DON'T KNOW...

...I COGITATED THE EQUATION WHILE I WAS CONSUMING THIS PIECE OF FRUIT FROM ONE OF YOUR TREES, ROTOR!

A PIECE OF FRUIT?! OH NO!

WHAT'S UP, ROTOR?

TAILS ATE THE ONLY APPLE I'VE EVER BEEN ABLE TO GROW ON THE MOBIAN TREE OF WISDOM!

THE WHAT?!

"THE TREE OF WISDOM! I FOUND IT IN THE FOREST YEARS AGO AND TRIED TO NURTURE IT! BUT I COULD NEVER GET IT TO YIELD MORE THAN ONE APPLE!"

!

EATING THE FRUIT OF THIS TREE IS SUPPOSED TO MAKE A PERSON SUPER INTELLIGENT! I KNOW IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT---

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...TAILS IS NOW A GENIUS!

HELP!

DON'T TELL ME YOU PUT YOUR SHORTS ON BACKWARDS AGAIN, ANTOINE!

NO! I WAS SCOUTING WITH SALLY AND BUNNIE WHEN WE WERE AMBUSHED!

AMBUSHED?!

YES! I MANAGED TO GET AWAY, BUT SALLY AND BUNNIE ARE TRAPPED IN ZE HIGH WEEDS BY ZE GIANT SHREDBOT!

SOON...

LOOKS LIKE IT'S SONIC TO THE RESCUE!

ZOOM

WHIRRR!

(PANT, PANT!) THE SHREDBOT IS RIGHT BEHIND US, BUNNIE!!

WHIRRR!!

KEEP RUNNIN', SUGAH!

I'M NOT PART ROBOT LIKE YOU, BUNNIE! PANT! PANT! I CAN'T KEEP GOING!!!

SONIC!

HAVE NO FEAR, DUDETTES! I CAN HANDLE THAT OVERSIZED WEED EATER! WATCH THIS...

ZOOM

DON'T BOTHER, SONIC! I SHALL SUBDUE THAT METALLIFEROUS* MENACE!

???

* SOMETHING CONTAINING METAL! - EDITOR

EXCUSE ME, BUT WOULD YOU CARE TO MATCH YOUR ROTATING CUTLASSES AGAINST MY SUPERIOR CEREBRAL SKILLS?

!

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD!

THREE-- TWO-- ONE ---

WHIRRRR!!!

WHIRRRR!!!

HA!

YOUR BLADES HAVE BEEN, RENDERED USELESS BY MY SHARP WIT--

--WHAT A CUTTING REMARK!

BZZZZAAATT!!

TAILS! THAT WAS SUPER!

YOU'RE MOVING AS FAST AS ME!! BUT HOW?

WELL, AERODYNAMICALLY SPEAKING, I MEASURED THE WIND VELOCITY AND MY ESTIMATED TAIL TURBINATION AND THEN I CALCULATED THE REVOLUTIONS PER SECOND THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO PROPEL MY RELATIVELY DIMINUTIVE BODY MASS THRU THE OXYGENOUS ATMOSPHERE OF MOBIUS! OF COURSE I ALSO TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THE VARIABLES THAT MAY OCCUR WHEN ENGAGING IN INSTANTANEOUS BODILY ACCELERATION IN REFERENCE TO MY RESPIRATORY SYSTEM'S THEORETICAL INABILITY TO COMPENSATE FOR THE ONSLAUGHT OF AIR MOLECULES...

SHUT UP, TAILS! YOU'RE CROWDING US OUT OF THE PANEL!

BUT WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN, TAILS?

IT MEANS THAT I AM THE OBVIOUS PERSON TO REPLACE SONIC AS THE NEW LEADER OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

??!

TIME TO FOLLOW THE LEADER!

END OF PART I!!

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ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S EVIL BOTS HAS FOUND OUR HIDEOUT AND IS TRYING TO CAPTURE ME!

WHRRRDDMMM!!

!!

HANG ON, ROTOR! I'LL STOP IT...

...WITH A SONIC SPIN---OOF!!

WHAM!

SORRY, SONIC, BUT YOUR FEEBLE GYRATIONS CANNOT DAMAGE MY VACUBOT!

VACUBOT?!

I BUILT IT TO DO OUR HOUSEWORK, SONIC! IT'S MADE OF A SPECIAL METAL ALLOY THAT ROBOTNIK WON'T BE ABLE TO DETECT WITH HIS SENSORS!

WHOOO

BUT SIR, HE IS ELUDING THE GUARDS AND GETTING THROUGH YOUR SECURITY SYSTEM WITH *EASE!*

THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! NO ONE *HAS* EVER GOTTEN INSIDE MY DOMAIN... EXCEPT FOR THAT *INSURANCE SALESMAN* LAST MONTH!

IT APPEARS TO BE THAT ANNOYING LITTLE FREEDOM FIGHTER, THE ONE CALLED *TAILS!*

ALERT

ALERT

QUICK! MAKE ALL ENTRANCES AIRTIGHT! AND DOUBLE-LOCK THE BACK DOOR!

DON'T BOTHER, ROBOTNIK!

WHAT?

LET'S NOT WASTE TIME! BECAUSE OF MY SUPERIOR BRAIN POWER, I INSIST THAT YOU SURRENDER YOUR EMPIRE TO ME, AND... AND...

...UM...UH...STOP BEING SUCH A---ER-- --Y'KNOW... BAD PERSON... ...AND--*UM*---LET'S SEE---

WHY, I'LL BE HAPPY TO SURRENDER! JUST STEP FORWARD A FEW PACES!

SURE! THANKS A...

BZZT!

...LOT?

CLANK!

CLANK!

MEANWHILE...

I JUST FINISHED ANALYZING THIS FRUIT THAT TAILS ATE, SONIC!

I'M STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HE MEANT BY "SUBDUING OUR PRIME NEMESIS"!

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THE TESTS SHOW THAT THE APPLE'S EFFECTS ONLY LAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS!!

TAILS IS PROBABLY HIS OLD SELF BY NOW --WHEREVER HE IS!

"NEMESIS" MEANS ENEMY, AND OUR PRIME ENEMY IS ...UH-OH!!

WHAT'S WRONG, SONIC?

SONIC?

SECONDS LATER...

THAT DOOR IS JAMMED! GOOD! NOW I CAN GET INSIDE ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS QUICK!

VROOOM!!

MY SUPER BRAIN GOT ME INTO THIS TRAP, SO I BETTER *THINK* MY WAY OUT!

THINK AGAIN, MY LITTLE INTRUDER, FOR YOU ARE ABOUT TO MEET YOUR END AS A LIVING BEING!

PRESS THAT BUTTON, ROBOTNIK, AND WE'LL ALL MEET OUR ENDS, AND FOR YOU THAT'S A *BIG MEETING!*

IT'S THE HEDGEHOG!

SKREEE!

TAILS WAS SENT HERE ON A DEATH-DEFYING MISSION! HE WAS GOING TO DESTROY YOUR ENTIRE CITY... EVEN IF IT MEANT *DESTROYING HIMSELF!*

I WAS?

AND *HOW* WAS HE GOING TO DO THAT?

WITH *THIS!*

ACK!

SNAP!

THIS INNOCENT-LOOKING MEDAL IS REALLY A NEW MEGA-TON EXPLOSIVE! IT HAS ENOUGH POWER TO *LEVEL* ROBOTROPOLIS!

LIAR!

SCAN THAT TRINKET, SNIVELY, AND TELL ME *EXACTLY* WHAT IT'S MADE OF!

YES, OH DISCOURTEOUS ONE!

I DON'T GET A READING, SIR! HE MAY BE TELLING THE TRUTH!

NO! NO! IT MUST BE A TRICK!

ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!

YOU HAVE FIVE SECONDS TO RELEASE MY FRIEND! FIVE...

BAH! YOU'RE BLUFFING!

...FOUR...

-- IT'S -- IT'S A HOAX!

...THREE...

...Y... YOU'LL NEVER GO... TH... TH... THROUGH WITH IT...

...TWO...

...ONE...

STOP!

I'LL RELEASE HIM!! DON'T THROW IT!!

HALP!

YOU DID IT, SONIC! HOW DID YOU KNOW ROBOTNIK WOULD FALL FOR YOUR TRICK?

ROBOTNIK IS A COWARD, TAILS! THAT'S THE KIND OF THING A LEADER HAS TO KNOW!

... A LEADER! THAT'S *YOU*, SONIC! HOW ABOUT LEADING US HOME?

YOU GOT IT!

BACK AT KNOTHOLE...

POOR TAILS! TWAN HAS BEEN LECTURING HIM FOR AN HOUR!!

... AND I HOPE YOU HAVE LEARNED ZE LESSON, TAILS! YOU MUST ALWAYS LEAVE ZE LEADING TO US REAL LEADERS!

?

(SIGH) YES, ANTOINE.

-- TO BE ZE TRUE LEADER LIKE MYSELF, YOU MUST BE ZE BEST! YOU MUST BE ZE BRAVEST! YOU MUST BE ZE COOLEST!...

IDEA!

...BUT MOST OF ALL...

ZE BOMB!

!!

--YOU MUST ZE SOMEONE EVERYBODY LOOKS UP TO!

The End

HI, KIDS!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

HERE...

in

"DO-IT-YOURSELF"

SONIC

Dear Sonic, GONE FISHIN'! ♡ LUV, Ken & Mike!

THE WRITERS ARE ON *VACATION* THIS WEEK, SO I'M HELPING THEM MEET THEIR DEADLINE BY SCRIPTING THE NEXT THREE PAGES!

WHY DON'T YOU HELP *ME* HELP THEM BY FILLING IN THE EMPTY *WORD BALLOONS* AND *SOUND EFFECTS!*

MIKE KANTEROVICH & KEN PENDERS
SCRIPT

DAVE MANAK
PENCILS

HARVEY MERCADOOCASIO
INKS

YOUR *SENTENCES* SHOULD *MATCH* THE *ACTION*--

--AND BE ABLE TO FIT *INSIDE* EACH *WORD BALLOON!*

"WHALE OF A TIME"

PLUS!--

YOU COULD WIN A *PRIZE!*

SO TURN THE PAGE AND LET'S *JUICE!*

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

IN

your title here

name of boat

WRITTEN BY:

sound effect

your sound effect here

sound effect

sound effect

FWWAP!

PHEW!! THAT WAS HARDER THAN I THOUGHT!

ALL FINISHED?-- GOOD!

OKAY, CLASS, NOW PAY CLOSE ATTENTION--

--'CAUSE HERE'S WHAT YOU DO IF YOU WANT TO ENTER MY *REAL* COOL CONTEST!

SEND THE LAST THREE PAGES-- OR *COPIES* IF YOU PREFER--

--WITH ALL THE NEAT *WORDS* AND *SOUND EFFECTS* YOU'VE ADDED, ALONG WITH YOUR *NAME, AGE, ADDRESS* AND *TELEPHONE NUMBER* TO MY PALS AT *ARCHIE COMICS!*

HEY, KIDS! DON'T FORGET THE STAMP!

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THEY'LL CHOOSE THE BEST ENTRIES AND TWO PEOPLE WILL WIN...

WOW! SUBSCRIPTIONS TO MY COMIC BOOK!

K-ZAPP!

MAIL

MAIL

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SONIC

MAIL

ENTER TODAY!

HAVE FUN FILLING IN THE WORD BUBBLES, BUT REMEMBER KIDS, THE CONTEST IS WAY PAST OVER NOW!

The End

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

"GIRLS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN!"

HAS BEEN A THORN IN MY SIDE--

...BUT...

MATH IS HARD.

FREEDOM FIGHTERS ACTION FIGURE

DEFECTIVE

MY PLACE IS IN THE KITCHEN.

SCRIPT:
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TRUER WORDS WERE NEVER SPOKEN!

YOU LITTLE LADIES HAVE GIVEN ME A BRILLIANT IDEA!!

PLAYING WITH YOUR *TOYS* AGAIN, M'LORD?

ERR...UMM... NO, OF COURSE NOT!

MERELY PLOTTING AND SCHEMING, SCHEMING AND PLOTTING!

Y'KNOW, THE USUAL THING!

SLAM!

OF COURSE, SIR! WHATEVER COULD WE HAVE BEEN THINKING?

AND WHAT, PRAY TELL, ARE THE DETAILS OF YOUR LATEST MASTER PLAN?

IT ALL BOILS DOWN TO THESE THREE SIMPLE WORDS--

KNOW THY ENEMY!

AND I KNOW THAT THESE ENEMIES ARE A FORMIDABLE TEAM--

--BUT SEPARATED, THEY'RE WEAKLINGS!

-IF YOU CAN READ THIS-- YOU'RE TOO CLOSE--

ONCE WE'VE ELIMINATED THE HEDGEHOG--

RIIP!

--AND MOST OF THE OTHER TOKEN HEROES--

SHRED! RIP! SHRED!

--WE ARE LEFT WITH...

TA-DA! PAPER DOLLS...

...WHICH CAN BE EASILY SHREDDED!

LATER, SHORTLY AFTER SUNSET...

LOOKY THERE, PRINCESS!

SEARCHLIGHTS!! WONDER WHAT ALL THE HUBBUB IS ABOUT! WE'D BETTER CHECK IT OUT!

WELL, KISS MY GRITS! IF'N THAT AIN'T THE SECOND SMALLEST MALL I'VE EVER SEEN!

I HOPE THEIR PRICES ARE LOWER THAN *ROBOTNIK'S* MORALS!

MALL

MALL WIDE SALE

MALL WIDE SALE

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!

SPEAKING OF "*PAPER DOLLS*," HERE COME A COUPLE OF *CUT UPS*!

MALL

...AND THEY'RE "DROPPING" INTO THE MALL!

HEY!

NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS!

DROP!

BASEMENT BARGAINS

WATCH YOUR STEP!

I'VE HEARD OF BASEMENT BARGAINS--

--BUT AH DIDN'T KNOW YOU HAD TO *FALL* INTO THE BASEMENT TO GET THEM!

THE TRAP HAS BEEN SPRUNG, SIR!

QUITE SO, SNIVELY! THE SECURITY CAMERAS CAPTURED THEIR *DOWN FALL* IN EXQUISITE DETAIL!

COME ALONG, NOW... LET'S NOT KEEP OUR UN-SATISFIED CUSTOMERS WAITING!

MALL

GOOD EVENING, LADIES!

ROBOTNIK! SO YOU'RE THE FEEBLE MIND BEHIND THIS MINI-MALL!

YOU CATCH ON FAST, PRINCESS...

...BUT NOT QUITE FAST ENOUGH FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!

SONIC MAY BE THE *BRAINS* AND *BRAWN* OF YOUR ORGANIZATION--

--BUT THE TWO OF YOU MAKE EXCELLENT BAIT!

ALL YOU CAN DO NOW IS JUST SIT AROUND AND WAIT TO BE RESCUED!

HA! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

WELL, AH DECLAH! Y'ALL AIN'T NOTHIN' BUT A MALE CHAUVINIST PIG, DOC! 100% PURE *OINKER!*

WE'RE MORE THAN CAPABLE OF TAKING CARE OF OURSELVES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH! SHALL WE, BUNNIE?

AWP!

YOU BET, PRINCESS! TIME TO RAISE SOME CONSCIOUSNESS...

BAM!

HA!!

...AND LOWER THE BOOM!!

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WE'RE GONNA SHUT DOWN YOAH NICKEL-AND-DIME STORE OPERATION...

THIS IS NOT MY DEPARTMENT!

BAM!

...AND KICK SOME ROBO-BUTT IN THE PROCESS!

Whew! WHAT A WORKOUT!

CRACK

HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP, BUNNIE?

IT AIN'T *HOW* AH'M HOLDIN' UP—

--IT'S *WHAT* AH'M HOLDIN' UP... AN' THROWIN' OUT!

THAT WAS FUN!

HIGH FIVE!

SMACK!

YEAH! SONIC USUALLY *HOGS* ALL THE ACTION!

...AND SPEAKING OF *HOGS*...

GULP!

QUICK AS A WINK--
THERE!
DON'T THEY LOOK PURTY?!
GROAN!
GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE
DO NOT OPEN BEFORE XMAS
YOU'VE BEEN BAD BOYS, BUT YOU CAN HAVE YOUR TOYS BACK ANYWAY!
WE'VE MADE A FEW POLITICAL CORRECTIONS!
GIRLS CAN DO ANYTHING!
NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF A PRINCESS!
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT "SHREDDING PAPER DOLLS," SIR?
OH, BE QUIET!!
SO MUCH FOR LOW PRICES AND COURTEOUS SERVICE!
YEAH! TALK ABOUT CHEAP THRILLS! LET'S TAKE OUR BUSINESS ELSEWHERE!
MALL
CLOSED
GRAAH!
SALE
SONIC! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
CLIPPING COUPONS OUT OF THE MOBIUS FREE PRESS!
THE NEW MOBIUS MALL IS HAVING A SALE ON GAME CARTRIDGES AGAIN!
MEN! THAT'S ALL THEY THINK ABOUT...
FUN, GAMES AND SHOPPING!
WHAT DID I SAY?
THE END

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WELCOME TO MY NEIGHBORHOOD!

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MANAK & DAG

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ IN "ROCKIN' The BOT!" Part I

NOT ONLY AM I FASTER THAN LIGHTNING...

CRACK

ZOOM

BOOM!

...BUT I STAY DRY BY RUNNING BETWEEN THE RAINDROPS!

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HELP!

WHOA! LOOKS LIKE LIGHTNING HIT THAT TREE AND TRAPPED A POOR, LITTLE FROG!

ERT!

BE COOL, DUDE! I'M COMIN'!

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RRRUMBLE

YIKES! HE'S ABOUT TO BE BURIED UNDER A MUD SLIDE!

IT'S TOO LATE, HEDGEHOG! RUN OR YOU'LL BE BURIED!

DID YOU SAY "RUN"?!!? THAT'S THE GENERAL IDEA!

VROOM

-ROOOOOM!

GOTCHA!!

KER-SPLAT!!

WELL... SO MUCH FOR RUNNING BETWEEN THE RAINDROPS!

YOU SAVED MY LIFE, HEDGEHOG! YOU MUST BE A MAGICAL BEING... LIKE ME!

MAGICAL? I THINK YOU'VE BEEN BOUNCING ON TOO MANY LILY PADS, BRO!

THEN LET ME REPAY YOU BY MAKING YOU MAGICAL!

SPIRITS OF NATURE! POWERS OF LOVE! SEND THIS KIND HEDGEHOG A GIFT FROM ABOVE!

...AND PUT IT ON MY CREDIT CARD!

OOPS! SORRY! I CAN NEVER TELL WHERE THOSE THINGS ARE GONNA LAND!

BONK!

OW!

BONK!

OW!

BONK!

OW!

THESE ARE MAGIC STONES! EACH WILL ENDOW YOU WITH A *SPECIAL POWER!*

THE *GREEN STONE* WILL GIVE YOU GREAT *STRENGTH!* THE *RED* WILL GIVE YOUR BODY *ELASTICITY!* THE *YELLOW* STONE WILL ENABLE YOU TO *LEAP* A GREAT *DISTANCE!*

YEAH, RIGHT,... *UH-HUH* ... IS THAT *SO?*... REALLY?... THAT'S NICE!

USE THEM WISELY, HEDGEHOG! BUT REMEMBER: EACH SPECIAL POWER ONLY LASTS A FEW *MOMENTS!* FAREWELL!

LATER, BRO!

AT LEAST HE DIDN'T ASK *ME* TO KISS HIM AND TURN HIM INTO A PRINCE!

BOING!

MAN! THAT WAS WEIRD! I'LL GIVE THESE TO TAILS AND TELL HIM THAT THEY'RE *GOOD LUCK STONES!* *HEH-HEH-HEH!*

ZIP

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A FEW DAYS LATER...

ROTOR, ARE YOU SURE THIS LAND ROVER YOU BUILT WILL GET US ACROSS THE MOBIAN BADLANDS?

THAT'S WHAT THIS TEST RUN WILL TELL US, SALLY! WE JUST HAVE TO HOPE THAT ROBOTNIK'S NOT AROUND!

CHUGA-CHUGA-CHUG...

I GUARANTEE THAT ROBOTNIK WON'T EVEN COME NEAR US, GUYS!

WHY, TAILS? DID ANTOINE FORGET TO USE HIS DEODORANT AGAIN?

CHUGA-CHUG!

SONIC, DID YOU FORGET I HAVE THE LUCKY STONES YOU GAVE ME? THEY'LL PROTECT US!

UH... YEAH! RIGHT, TAILS! I FORGOT!

EXCUSE ME, MASTER ROBOTNIK, BUT THERE APPEARS TO BE A CRUDE VEHICLE MAKING ITS WAY THROUGH THE FORBIDDEN ZONE!

...AND IT'S FULL OF FOOLISH FREEDOM FIGHTERS! TRY SAYING THAT THREE TIMES FAST, SNIVELY!

SHALL WE SWOOP DOWN AND CAPTURE THEM, SIR?

DON'T BE SUCH A *BLITHERING BAG OF BOREDOM*, SNIVELY! LET'S FIRST HAVE A LITTLE *FUN* IN MY NEW *BEETLE BOT!*

10-W-50

SNAX

DESTROY THEIR VEHICLE!

BOY, NIGHT SURE COMES *EARLY* THIS TIME OF YEAR!

I'LL SAY! IT'S STILL *MORNING!*

WAIT! IT ISN'T ZE DARKNESS!...

...IT IS ZE SHADOW!

BUT WHAT'S CAUSING IT, SUGAH?

IT'S SOMETHING VERY BIG!

AND VERY UGLY!

BIG AND UGLY? THAT'S GOTTA BE *ROBOTNIK!*

LOOK OUT!

FIRE!
BOOOOM!
BONK!
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WHOOAAAAHHH!!!

WHAM!
K-BAM!
CRASH
WH-WHERE ARE WE?
WHO ARE WE?
WE WERE KNOCKED INTO THIS PIT BY THAT BIG, HORRIBLE, FLYING, FLYING...
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IT'S CALLED A *BEETLE 'BOT*, PRINCESS! SURRENDER YOURSELVES IMMEDIATELY, OR I'LL BE FORCED TO GIVE YOU A DEMONSTRATION OF ITS POWER!

ROBOTNIK!

WE'RE TRAPPED!

DON'T WORRY, GUYS! I STILL HAVE THE LUCKY STONES!

GIVE ME THOSE, TAILS! I'VE GOT TO TAKE THE CHANCE THAT THESE STONES REALLY ARE MAGIC!

NOW WHICH IS THE ONE THAT WILL GIVE ME *SUPER STRENGTH*? THE *GREEN* ONE? NO! THAT'S FOR *LEAPING*...OR IS THAT THE *YELLOW* STONE?... NO, I THINK THAT'S FOR *SUPER SNEEZING*!

UH...SPEAKING OF *STONES*!

!!

ARE YOU READY FOR A LITTLE *ROCK 'N' ROLL*, FREEDOM FIGHTERS?

End of Part I

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

"ROCKIN' the BOT!"

Part II

RUN OR YOU'LL BE CRUSHED BY THAT BOULDER!

THIS RED STONE WILL GIVE ME THE STRENGTH TO CATCH THE BOULDER AND TOSS IT BACK, SALLY!

SONIC!

SPLAT!

OHHHHHHH! I SINK I AM GOING TO BE SEEK!

SONIC! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT... BUT HOW?

?!

I WARNED HIM ABOUT SPREADING HIMSELF TOO THIN, SUGAH!

NO, BUNNIE! IT'S THE *MAGIC* STONES! INSTEAD OF THE SUPER STRENGTH STONE, I ACCIDENTALLY USED THE ONE THAT GIVES YOU *ELASTICITY!*

SNIVELY! THE HEDGEHOG WASN'T HARMED BY OUR BOULDER! WHAT DID YOU DO WRONG?

I...I DON'T KNOW, SIR! IT SEEMED TO BE A *DIRECT HIT!*

OIL!

NITWIT! TAKE US DOWN INTO THE PIT! WE'LL CAPTURE THE *OTHERS* AND USE THEM TO LURE THAT LITTLE RODENT TO US!

HERE COMES THE BEETLE'BOT!

RUN!

I'LL STOP HIM THIS TIME, GANG!

ONE OF THESE TWO HAS TO BE THE *STRENGTH* STONE! LET'S SEE... THE GREEN IS FOR STRENGTH, AND THE YELLOW IS FOR LEAPING! OR MAYBE THE *OPPOSITE*...?

HELP! WE ARE CAUGHT WITH OUR BACKS AGAINST ZE WALL!

...UH-OH!

NO TIME TO LOSE! I'LL TAKE A CHANCE WITH THIS YELLOW STONE...

... AND BODY SLAM THAT BIG BUG!

VROOOM!

YAAAAAAAHH...

...HOO?!

GUESS WHAT, DUDES...

WRONG AGAIN!

SPROING!

K-RASH!

GROAN... WITH MY LUCK OF CHOOSING THESE STONES, I'M GLAD I DON'T GAMBLE!

IT'S GOT TO BE THIS LAST STONE! NOW I'LL HAVE THE STRENGTH OF A *HUNDRED* HEDGEHOGS!

KRIK!

AND I'LL NEED IT! ROBOTNIK HAS CAPTURED THE WHOLE GANG!

HELP, SONIC!

PUT US DOWN, YOU CLANKING COCKROACH!

KLANK!

GOOD WORK, SNIVELY! NOW TO FLY THEM BACK TO ROBOTROPOLIS! PREPARE FOR *TAKE OFF!*

YES, SIR!

WHAT TH—?

ERT!!

WHRRRRRRR

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OH, NO! THE BEETLE 'BOT IS ABOUT TO LIFT OFF! I CAN'T FLY, SO THIS STRENGTH STONE IS *USELESS!*

UNLESS...

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! SONIC IS ABANDONING US!

SONIC! COME BACK!

ZOOM!!

I'M GOING TO NEED THE *TRUNK* OF THAT DEAD TREE...

...AND A *BIG SLAB OF ROCK* THAT I'LL CUT FROM THIS BOULDER!

FLY US TO ROBOTROPOLIS, SNIVELY, SO I CAN ROBOTICIZE THESE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

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I'LL SEND THEM OUT TO CAPTURE THEIR FRIEND THE HEDGEHOG! HA HA HEE HEE HO HO HOO!...

...WHA?!

YO, ROBOTNIK! I CLIMBED UP HERE TO SHOW YOU HOW I HANDLE PESKY BUGS!

SLAM!

I SWAT 'EM!!

WE'RE FALLING, SNIVELY! DO SOMETHING!

I AM SIR! I'M GOING TO FAINT!

TIME TO DO SOME MAJOR JUICIN'!

YESSSSS!!!

CAUGHT IT!!

NOW TO FREE THE GANG!...THAT WILL REALLY BUG ROBOTNIK!

I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS, HEDGEHOG!

ZOOM

THAT WAS WAY COOL, SONIC! I KNEW YOU'D COME THROUGH!

BUT WHERE DID YOU GET YOUR SPECIAL POWERS FROM, SONIC?

A LITTLE FROG GAVE ME SOME MAGIC STONES AS A PRESENT AND THEY REALLY WORKED!

AND THAT MEANS THAT LITTLE FROG WAS REALLY MAGICAL!

Soon...

I THINK SONIC NEEDS A LONG REST, SALLY!

WHY, ROTOR?

HE SPENDS ALL OF HIS TIME TALKING TO FROGS!

?!!

IS THAT YOU, LITTLE GUY? IT'S ME, SONIC! DO YOU HAVE ANY MORE MAGICAL STONES?

The End

ROTOR'S BEEN COOPED UP IN HIS LAB ALL WEEK,

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

"WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?"

KEEP OUT! THIS MEANS You!

SAW...

HAMMER...

BOOM! BOOM!

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I DUNNO, PRINCESS...

--BUT GIVEN HIS TRACK RECORD...

THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS!!

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"LAST TIME HE WAS DEVELOPING A FORMULA FOR CARBONATED MILKSHAKES...

PLOP! PLOP! FZZZZ FZZZZ

"... AND WE ALL KNOW HOW THAT TURNED OUT!"

KA-BOOM

MOOO

I REMEMBER...

...WE SPENT THE NEXT WEEK SCRUBBING DOWN THE WALLS!

=GROAN!=

MISSING "ELSIE"

Have you seen me

I WILL NEVAIR DRINK MILK AGAIN!

"...REMEMBER WHEN HE TRIED TO ADD JELLY *AND* BREAD TO PEANUT BUTTER..?"

LOOK!! A COMPLETE SANDWICH!!... UH-OH!

YECH!

SQUISH!

SO HE'S MADE A FEW MISTAKES... WHO *HASN'T*? THAT'S WHAT *ERASERS* ARE FOR!

SNAP!

HEY... I KNOW WHAT HE'S UP TO...

"I'LL BET HE'S WORKED ALL THE BUGS OUT OF HIS *UNIVERSAL FRAMMISTAT!*"

WHIRRR

BRRRAPPP

CLICK!

PING! PONG!

POCKETA-POCKETA

K-CHING!

CLANK!

PLOP!

GRIND!

WHRRRRR!

UNIVERSAL "WHATSIS"?!

IT'S SCIENCE... WHO KNOWS?

T'AIN'T NOTHIN' FRIVOLOUS LIKE THAT, TAILS!

'FORE HE HOLED UP IN THERE, ROTOR SAID THAT HIS LATEST CREATION WOULD BENEFIT ALL ANIMAL KIND! AND THAT COULD ONLY MEAN...

"HE'S CULTIVATED A SELF-WATERING GARDEN!"

AHHHH! THIS IS THE LIFE!

Bunnie's Garden (100% ORGANIC) -KEEP OUT-

KEEP off the grass or ELSE!

NAH, THAT'S A DUMB IDEA!

IT'S GOTTA BE A NUCLEAR-POWERED SKATEBOARD!!

YEAAAAHHH!!

VAROOOM!

AND THAT'S NOT A DUMB IDEA?

DO YOU HAVE A BETTER ONE?

AS A MATTER OF FACT, I DO: GLOW-IN-THE-DARK POPCORN!

TOP THAT, WISE GUY!

HAH! NO PROBLEMO! THE STAY-FRESH LIGHTBULB!

LIGHTBULBS DON'T SPOIL, DUM-DUM!

THEY DON'T? THEN WHY DO THEY PUT THEM IN REFRIGERATORS?

:sigh!:

YOU ARE WRONG, CHILI-DOG BREATH!

ANY FOOL CAN PLAINLY SEE THAT IT'S... IT'S--

UH, OH...

...I'VE RUN OUT OF IDEAS.

:snicker!:

KEEP OUT! THIS MEANS YOU!

CAUTION GENIUS AT WORK

WARNING DANGER WARNING DANGER

OKAY! I ADMIT IT! I CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO IMAGINE WHAT ROTOR'S COOKING UP IN THERE!

CAN YOU?

NO, I GUESS I CAN'T!

WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL HE'S FINISHED!

KEEP OUT!

GRRRRRRR

UMBLE

WHOOM!

I'M FINISHED!!

"WASHED-UP" MIGHT BE A BETTAIR CHOICE OF WORDS!

SO WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN COOKING UP IN THERE?

I'M GLAD YOU ASKED!

IT'S A THERMOS!™

IT KEEPS HOT THINGS HOT...

... AND COLD THINGS COLD!!

LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT...

IT KEEPS HOT THINGS HOT?

... AND COLD THINGS COLD?

WHAT GOOD IS THAT?!

SORRY, ROTOR...

...BUT SOMEHOW I DON'T THINK YOUR THERMOS™ IDEA WILL BE A HOT ITEM!!

...BUT IT WILL FIT IN MY LUNCH BOX!!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

TH' END!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ in "ANIMAL MAGNETISM"

WHEEEEEEE! THANKS FOR HELPING ME USE MY BROKEN TREE SWING, BUNNIE!

DON'T MENTION IT, SUGAH TAILS!

SNIVELY, DID YOU HAVE TO SHOW ME SUCH A *DISGUSTINGLY PLEASANT* SCENE?!

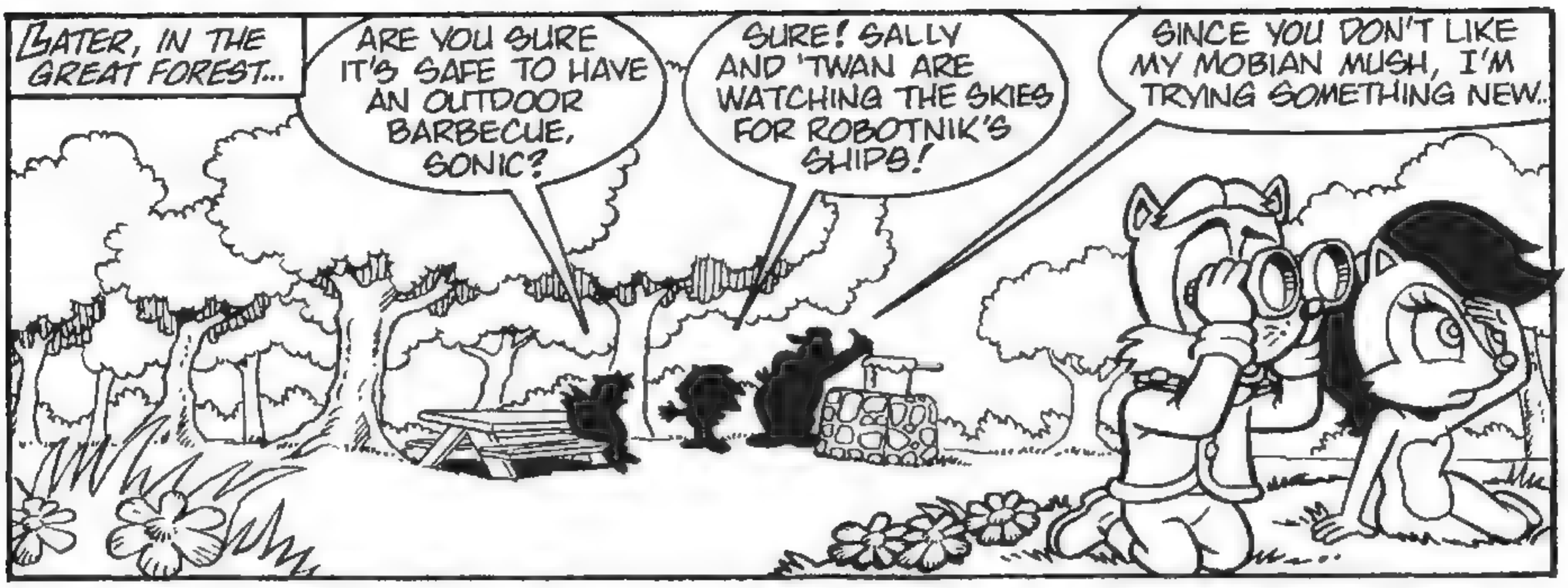
SORRY, MASTER ROBOTNIK, BUT IT WAS THE ONLY VIDEO I COULD FIND...

SCRIPT: ANGELO DECESARE PENCILS: ART MAWHINNEY INKS: JON D'AGOSTINO

...THAT FEATURES THE *FREEDOM FIGHTER* KNOWN AS *BUNNIE*! SHE'S THE ONE WHO IS HALF RABBIT AND HALF ROBOT!

I'M *AWARE* OF THAT, YOU FOOL...

... AND I'M GOING TO USE THAT HALF ROBOT TO BRING ABOUT THE COMPLETE DOWN-FALL OF SONIC AND HIS FRIENDS!


LATER, IN THE GREAT FOREST...
ARE YOU SURE IT'S SAFE TO HAVE AN OUTDOOR BARBECUE, SONIC?
SURE! SALLY AND 'TWAN ARE WATCHING THE SKIES FOR ROBOTNIK'S SHIPS!
SINCE YOU DON'T LIKE MY MOBIAN MUSH, I'M TRYING SOMETHING NEW..
...BARBECUED MOBIAN MUSH!
BLEH!!
HERE'S THE LADLE YOU ASKED FOR, ROTOR!
HUH?!
DUCK, EVERYONE!!
THERE GOES THE MUSH!
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!
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IT LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING MADE OF METAL IS FLYING AWAY, DUDES!

--INCLUDING BUNNIE!

HELP!!

!!

SOMETHING'S PULLING HER TOWARDS THE EDGE OF THE *GREAT FOREST!*

TALK ABOUT A *HARE*-RAISING EXPERIENCE!

I'D BETTER JUICE AND GET THERE BEFORE BUNNIE DOES!

VROOM

YIPES!!

SKREEEEEE!!!

MY *MAGNABOT* IS A GREAT INVENTION, SNIVELY! AND ONCE I'VE CAPTURED THE RABBIT, THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL TRY TO RESCUE HER...

...AND WE'LL CATCH THEM ALL, SIR!!

CLANK! CLINK!

CLINK! CLANK!

IT'S ONE OF ROBOTNIK'S *GIANT 'BOTS!!* AND IT'S GOT A *SUPER ELECTRO-MAGNET!!*

SONIC! HELP! I CAN'T HOLD ON TO THIS TREE MUCH LONGER!

POOR BUNNIE! I'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY TO ELIMINATE THE MAGNETIC FIELD!!

BONK!

OW!

I'VE GOT TO WATCH OUT FOR FLYING METAL!... DID I SAY "FLYING METAL"?

THAT'S IT!!

SNAP!

THUNK!

I CAN PULL THIS LID FROM THE *LIMITED* AREA OF THE MAGNETIC FIELD!

...AND I'M FAST ENOUGH TO RACE OUT OF THE FIELD'S *BOUNDARIES* BEFORE I'M *CAUGHT!*

ZOOM!

YO, ROBOTNIK! DON'T TELL ME YOU BUILT THAT BIG HUNK OF JUNK TO CATCH ONE LITTLE RABBIT? WHY DON'T YOU TRY TO CATCH ME?!

IT'S THE HEDGEHOG, SIR! HE'S HOLDING A METAL OBJECT, BUT HE'S OUT OF THE FIELD'S AREA! SHALL I *WIDEN* THE ARC *NOW* AND CAPTURE HIM?

NO! WAIT TILL I SAY SO, THEN TURN MY MAGNABOT TOWARD HIM QUICKLY AND *CRANK UP THE POWER!*

C'MON, ROBOTNIK! I'M MAKING IT EASY FOR YOU!

NOW, SIR?

NOT YET...

OKAY, HAVE IT YOUR WAY, CRUDE DUDE! I'LL JUST STROLL BACK HOME...

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NOW, SNIVELY! TURN THE FIELD UP FULL FORCE AND GET HIM!!

HE'S MOVING, SIR, BUT I'VE GOT HIM IN SIGHT!

WAIT, SNIVELY!! DON'T FOLLOW HIM! STOP!!

MISSED ME!!

OH, NO!! HE GOT US TO FACE ROBOTROPOLIS... AND EVERYTHING MADE OF METAL IS HEADING OUR WAY!

SNIVELY, HE DID IT AGAIN! I... I...

...I KNOW, SIR! YOU "*HATE* THAT HEDGEHOG!!"

CLUNK!

TINK!

LET'S GO, BUNNIE! WHEN ROBOTNIK DIGS HIS WAY OUT, HE CAN HOLD A JUNK SALE!

CLUNK!

THUNK!

CLANK!

KA-THUNK!

BACK IN KNOTHOLE...

I'M COATING YOU WITH A SPECIAL SOLUTION, BUNNIE! NOW, NO MAGNET WILL BE ABLE TO ATTRACT YOU!

(SIGH) THANKS, SUGAH...

...BUT AH NEVER THOUGHT AH'D WANT MY MAGNETIC PERSONALITY TO BE *UNATTRACTIVE!!!*

THE END

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HELP! I'M TRAPPED IN A CORNER BOX-

-AND I CAN'T GET OUT!

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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

JUST WHAT I'VE ALWAYS WANTED--

HEDGEHOG UNDER GLASS!

MANAK / D'AGOSTINO

CONFUSED?! YOU WON'T BE ONCE YOU'VE DIGESTED THIS ISSUE: "SONIC UNDER GLASS!"

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IN

SONIC UNDER GLASS!! Part I

HAS WON THE WAR AGAINST ROBOTNIK!

SO WHAT ARE WE, ZEE CANNON FODDAIRE?

SAY "CHEESE!"

MOZZARELLA!

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KA-BOOM!

WHOOPS! TOO MUCH --HEH, HEH-- FLASH POWDER!

I CAN'T BELIEVE WE'VE BEATEN ROBOTNIK!

HEY! WAS THERE EVER ANY DOUBT WITH *ME* ON THE TEAM?

IT'S ALMOST *TOO* GOOD TO BE *TRUE!*

SO?! WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

SIX MONTHS LATER (OR SO IT SEEMS)...

June

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SHAKE A LEG, SONIC, OR YOU'LL BE LATE FOR YOUR OWN WEDDING!

SHAME I'M THE GROOM, CAUSE I'M OBVIOUSLY THE *BEST MAN!*

AH DECLARE, PRINCESS, IF Y'ALL AIN'T THE PRETTIEST BRIDE!

DO YOU REALLY THINK SO, BUNNIE? THIS GOWN-- DOESN'T SEEM TO--FIT-- QUITE RIGHT!

OH, PRINCESS, WHY DO YOU MARRY ZEE-- *UGH*--HEDGEHOG?!

HE IS BENEATH YOU-- WHILE I, LIKE CREAM, RISE TO ZEE TOP!

MOBIUS FREE PRESS

TODAY'S THE BIG DAY!!! WEDDING BELLS FOR SONIC and SALLY

Invitation only

DEARLY BELOVED...

WHAT DID ZAT LOWLY COMMONAIRE EVER DO TO DESERVE ZIS?!

WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT THAT A HEDGEHOG COULD BE SO HAPPY?!

IF ONLY ROBOTNIK COULD SEE US NOW!

OH, BUT I *CAN* SEE YOU, MY LITTLE BLUE FRIEND!

I CAN SEE ALL OF YOU!

TAP-TAP-TAP!

TRAPPED LIKE A FLY IN A WEB...

...BY MY MOST *FIENDISH* PLOT TO DATE!

I'VE FINALLY GOT THE HEDGEHOG RIGHT WHERE I WANT HIM!--

--UNDER GLASS!

MY "MASTER" PLAN WAS A MODEL OF INSIDIOUS SIMPLICITY!

SO SIMPLE, EVEN THE HIRED HELP COULDN'T MESS IT UP!

EASY AS A,B,C!

"A: LURE SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO SLEEPY HOLLOW UNDER FALSE PRETENSES..."

HEY! LOOK AT THIS!

YUM!

FREE CHILI DOGS FOR ALL! 2:00 P.M. at SLEEPY HOLLOW

B: FILL SLEEPY HOLLOW WITH *SLEEPING GAS*...

FUNNY, I USUALLY GET SLEEPY *AFTER* I EAT!

SAY! WHERE ARE THE--*YAWN!*--CHILI DOGS, ANYWAY?

E-Z DOZE SLEEPING GAS

C: AND, IT WAS GOOD NIGHT, SWEET HEDGEHOG!

SHOULD'VE KNOWN--*KOFFF!*--

IF A DEAL IS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE...

...IT PROBABLY IS...

KOFF-KOFF!

CHOKE!

"WITH THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN LA-LA LAND, IT WAS CHILD'S PLAY TO MOVE THE SLUMBER PARTY TO ROBOTROPOLIS...

"...WHERE THEY'LL SLEEP TO THEIR HEART'S CONTENT--*FOREVER!*"

WHY DON'T WE JUST DISPOSE OF THEM AND BE DONE WITH IT?

BECAUSE, DEAR *CRABMEAT*...

...WHAT I HAVE IN STORE IS *FAR* MORE EVIL--

"*AND MUCH MORE FUN!*"

NOW, AFTER FITTING SONIC AND HIS PLAYMATES WITH THESE SPECIAL VIRTUAL REALITY HELMETS, AND PLUGGING THEM INTO MY MAIN COMPUTER, WE'LL FORCE-FEED THEM THEIR FONDEST WISHES AND WILDEST DREAMS WITH MY NEW EXCLUSIVE *USER-FRIENDLY PROGRAM!**

CONTAINMENT VESSELS--KEEPS FREEDOM FIGHTERS FRESH!

ROBOTNIK 5000 HARD-DRIVE COMPUTER---"LEAVE THE DRIVING TO US"!

IMAGING CHAMBER-PEEK-A-BOO I.C.U.

**PATENT PENDING*

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SINCE THEIR NEW REALITY IS "BETTER THAN LIFE," THEY CAN'T TELL THE DIFFERENCE AND HAVE NO REASON TO ESCAPE!

OOOOH, I'M SUCH A GENIUS I EVEN SCARE MYSELF!

BUT ENOUGH FUN AND MIND GAMES! TIME TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS!

WAR MACHINE AUTO-MOTIVATION MODE ACTIVATED

KRANK!

THERE'S A WHOLE WIDE WORLD LEFT TO CONQUER--

"...AND MY WAR MACHINES ARE MORE THAN UP TO THE TASK!

"THEY SHALL ROLL OVER THE FACE OF MOBIUS--CRUSHING ANYTHING AND ANYONE IN THEIR WAY.

"THOSE WHO SURVIVE SHALL BE ROBOTICIZED..."

...AND MY DREAM OF A PERFECT, ORDERED SOCIETY SHALL COME TO PASS--

--SAVE FOR THAT PIECE OF CHAOS UNDER GLASS!

ALAS, PERFECTION HAS ITS PRICE!

MAKE SURE YOU TURN OFF THE LIGHT ON THE WAY OUT, CRABMEAT!

IF THERE IS ANYONE HERE WHO KNOWS WHY THIS SHOULD NOT COME TO PASS--

-LET HIM SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER--

WAITAMINUTE! WHAT HAPPENED TO SONIC?

POF!

I HAVE FINALLY PUT HIM--OW YOU SAY-- IN HEES PLACE!

POF!

HEY! WHAT GIVES WITH THE BROOM?

THERE'S SOMETHING VERY WRONG HERE--

--BUT I CAN'T QUITE PUT MY FINGER ON IT!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN ZIS IS WRONG? ZIS IS EVERYTHING I EVAIRE HOPED FOR--

-EXCEPT FOR ZEE MELTING CLOCKS!

CONGRATULATIONS, NEPHEW!

HOPE I'M NOT TOO LATE FOR THE RECEPTION!

UNCLE CHUCK!

HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE IN THE USER-FRIENDLY WORLD OF VIRTUAL REALITY!™

End of Part I

WHAT'S WRONG, SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™?

YOU LOOK CONFUSED!

IN

SONIC UNDER GLASS!

Part II

I AM CONFUSED, UNCLE CHUCK!

ANTOINE GETS THE GIRL!

I'M A JANITOR AT MY OWN WEDDING!

YOU'RE NOT A ROBOT!

AND THOSE MELTING CLOCKS ARE DRIVING ME CRAZY!

WHAT I NEED ARE SOME EASY ANSWERS!

EASY ENOUGH!

ASK AWAY!

POP!

FREE Easy Answers!

YOU GET EXACTLY WHAT YOU PAY FOR!

ONE FREE EASY ANSWER LATER...

SO THAT'S IT!

Easy Answers

I SHOULD'VE KNOWN! IF A WORLD LOOKS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY ISN'T!

THAT MEANS YOU'RE NOT THE REAL UNCLE CHUCK-- JUST A REMARKABLE SIMULATION!

TIME TO LEARN IF THIS PLACE IS AS *USER-FRIENDLY* AS IT SEEMS!

BINGO!

NOW TO REACH OUT AND *TOUCH* SOMEONE!

SNAP!

E-Z ACCESS TERMINAL

SO E-Z EVEN A HEDGEHOG CAN USE IT.

LET'S SEE WHAT GOOD OL' DOC ROBOTNIK IS UP TO OUT IN THE "*REAL*" WORLD!

TAPPITY TAP-TAP

OH MY GOSH!

ROBOTNIK'S WAR MACHINES ARE FLATTENING MOBIUS! WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!

BUT MY FRIENDS ARE ALL *SO* HAPPY HERE!

IS IT RIGHT TO FORCE THEM TO LEAVE?

AND I'VE FINALLY GOT UNCLE CHUCK AND MUTTSKI BACK!

OR AT LEAST A COUPLE OF REASONABLE FACSIMILES!

WHAT AM I GONNA DO?!

I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU, NEPHEW!

YOU ALREADY KNOW!

YEAH! YOU'RE RIGHT! I DO!

TIME TO GET HACKING!

CR-RACK!

MEANWHILE, IN THE "OUTSIDE" WORLD...

WAIT!

THE WAR MACHINES HAVE REVERSED COURSE!

I DIDN'T ORDER THIS!!

SCREEEEEEECH!

YOU DIDN'T, BUT I DID!

WHA--?

DO NOT ADJUST YOUR REALITY!

I CONTROL THE TINT, I CONTROL THE CONTRAST...

...BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, I CONTROL YOUR WAR MACHINES, DOC!

YE GADS! SONIC TO THE MAX!

THEY'RE HANDY GADGETS! NO HOMEOWNER SHOULD BE WITHOUT ONE!

THEY SLICE, DICE, GRIND AND FLATTEN ENTIRE CITIES, IF NEED BE!

SO IF YOU DON'T WANT A FREE DEMONSTRATION, YOU'D BETTER FREE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS-*FAST!*

ROBOTROPOLIS

THAT BLASTED HEDGEHOG!

HE'S LEFT ME NO CHOICE!

tappity-tap-tap-tap!

"DUMPING VIRTUAL REALITY PROGRAM--*NOW!*"

BETTER THAN DISNEYLAND!

UGH! I'VE BEEN SLIMED!

SPLOOSH!

WHERE'S SONIC?

DON'T YOU WORRY, NEVER FEAR!--

"--ONE FINAL TASK--"

SCREEEEECH!

SCREEEE

CRASH!

--AND I'M OUTTA HERE!

BYE, GUYS! IT'S BEEN REAL!

BOP!

SNAP!

CRACKLE!

GRRRR!

I MAY HAVE LOST THIS BATTLE, BUT THE WAR WILL YET BE MINE!

YOU TWO! CLEAN UP THIS MESS!

~BUZZ- CLICK! ~WHIRR!~

CLICK! WOOF!

SONIC! YOU'RE HERE! I WAS AFRAID YOU MIGHT STAY BEHIND FOREVER!

VIRTUAL REALITY IS A NICE PLACE TO VISIT, SALLY, BUT I WOULDN'T WANT TO LIVE THERE -- AT LEAST NOT ON ROBOTNIK'S TERMS!

ERT!

WHAT ABOUT UNCLE CHUCK?

I'LL GET HIM BACK--

--AND WHEN I DO, IT'LL BE FOR KEEPS!

The End

HOW? HOW? HOW DOES SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™ ...DO IT?

HE'S ALWAYS ONE STEP AHEAD OF ME!

WE'VE GOT TO TRACK DOWN THE HEAD OF THEIR *SECRET INTELLIGENCE DIVISION*, SNIVELY!

WE NEED TO GET OUR HANDS ON...

THE MAN FROM H.E.D.G.E.H.O.G.

SCRIPT: KANTEROVICH & PENDERS *PENCILLING:* DAVE MANAK *INKING:* JON D'AGOSTINO

MUCH DIGGING LATER...

sweat
tan
roast
well done
char-
broiled

WELL DONE, GENTLEMEN! YOUR LABORS HAVE PAID OFF *HANDSOMELY!*

UGH!

SO TO SPEAK!

NOW TURN UP THE *HEAT*--

AND WE'LL SEE WHAT OUR NOCTURNAL FRIEND HAS TO SAY!

WHO IS THE HEAD OF THE SECRET INTELLIGENCE?

THAT'S *RIGHT!*

WHAT?!

NO, NOT "*WHAT*"... "*WHO!*"

HMMM, OBVIOUSLY THIS MOLE KNOWS LESS THAN I DO! ... AND THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!

TAKE HIM AWAY!

-- AND WHEEL IT IN, BOYS! *HeH HeH HeH!*

FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

HOO-VER MOVERS

EVERY EVIL SCHEME, NO MATTER HOW BRILLIANT, CONTAINS AN ELEMENT OF RISK!... AND--

K-KRAKT!

--WITH THE HELP OF MY BRAND SPANKING NEW "WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE"™--

-- WE SHALL CAPITALIZE ON THAT FACT! -- AFTER ALL...

MINDLESS ACT OF TERRORISM

FREE SPIN

LOSE A TURN

BANK HEIST

UNDERSEA

DARING DAYLIGHT ART ROBBERY

CHEMICAL SPILL

DO NOT PASS GO!

IF I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO NEXT, NEITHER WILL SONIC--

--UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE!

K-CHING!

UNDERSEA BANK HEIST

BLUB!

BLUB

BLUB

HAHAHAHA

BLUB!

KLANK!

PSSST! LOOK BEHIND YOU!

BLUB!

CURSES! STILL, IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED...

KACHING!

DARING DAYLIGHT ART ROBBERY

MOBIUS MUSEUM of ART

WHOOSH!!!

SUDDENLY, SONIC APPEARS...

WHAT'S YOUR HURRY, FELLAS?

SAY, NICE PAINTING!

GULP! SONIC!

I'LL FLIP YOU FOR IT!

AWWWK!

"AND YOU GUYS--

SQUAAAAWK!!

TOXIC WASTE DUMP

"--CAN TAKE THE FALL!"

SPLOOP!

FLUTTER! FLUTTER! FLUTTER!

SUDDENLY, A NOTE APPEARS FROM A MYSTERIOUS STRANGER!-- WHO IS THIS STRANGER?!

WHO KNOWS WHAT EVIL LURKS IN THE HEART OF ROBOTNIK?!

GRRR! ONCE IS AN ACCIDENT..

TWICE IS COINCIDENCE-

BUT THE THIRD TIME'S THE CHARM!

WWHRRRRRRRR

K-CHING!

MINDLESS ACT OF TERRORISM

POWERFUL EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

ONCE AGAIN OUR HERO EXPLODES ONTO THE SCENE. AND...

K-K-K-K-KLIK!

KA-BOOM!

FLUTTER!

FLUTTER!

FLUTTER!

FLUTTER!

AND ONCE AGAIN, A NOTE APPEARS FROM A MYSTERIOUS STRANGER!

THE OWLS ARE NOT WHAT THEY SEEM! XOXOXO

"GROAN: THIS "WHEEL OF MISFORTUNE" ISN'T WORKING!

THERE'S A SPY IN MY ORGANIZATION, AND HE'S TAUNTING ME WITH HIS NOTES!

FREE SPIN

LOSE A

MINDLESS T OF

DARKNIGHT

KICK!

"I'LL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF SONIC MYSELF!"

BOY, AFTER A HARD DAY'S WORK, I COULD USE A NIGHT ON THE TOWN!

Welcome to RENOBOTNIK

ROBO-CASINO

WELCOME VACATIONING FREEDOM FIGHTERS

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WANT TO TRY THE ONE-ARMED BANDITS, SONIC?

NAH! THEY'RE A BIT TOO LITERAL FOR MY TASTES!

LET'S CUT TO THE CARDS!

I FEEL LUCKY TONIGHT!

FUNNY, I FEEL AS THOUGH WE'RE BEING WATCHED!

THERE THEY ARE...

...CAN YOU PUMP UP THE VOLUME?

I'M SORRY, SIR! OUR NEW T.H.X. SYSTEM HASN'T BEEN SOUND-CHECKED YET!

DRAT! WE'LL JUST HAVE TO MOVE AHEAD IN THE DARK!

CARD, MISTER SONIC?

GO AHEAD... MAKE MY DAY!

zinc.....

THWOK!

DUCK!

DUCK?!.. BUT I'M A HEDGEHOG! STILL...

...BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY!

K-CHUNG! K-CHUNG!

K-CHUNGG!

LOOKS LIKE ROBOTNIK'S GETTING HIS SWATBOTS TO DO HIS ODD JOBS FOR HIM THESE DAYS!

SWOOOSH!

HMMM! PRETTY SMOOTH MOVES FOR A FOREIGN IMPORT! ESPECIALLY ON THIS RUG!

HOLD...

STILL...

FENDERFACE!

YOU'VE HEARD OF STATIC CLING?--WELL, YOU'RE SURE TO GET A CHARGE OUT OF THIS!

ZZZORCH!

THAT WAS POSITIVELY...

Whrrrrrrrr...

...SHOCKING!

PLOP!

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WELCOME BACK TO THE WORLD OF THE WAKING, HEDGEHOG!

SO NICE OF YOU TO DROP IN!

AH, I SEE MY REPUTATION HAS PRECEDED ME!

NOW THAT FORMAL INTRODUCTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE--

ROBOTNIK!! YOU SICK, TWISTED FIEND!

PASS GO

$1,000 TO

--TELL ME... WHO IS THE HEAD OF YOUR SECRET INTELLIGENCE AGENCY?

...OR I'LL FINALLY GET THAT WRETCHED WHEEL TO PAY OFF BY ELIMINATING YOU!

NOW, THAT'S WHAT I CALL AN UNKIND SPIN, DOCTOR!

CHEMICAL SPILL

DARING DAYLIGHT ART ROBBERY

UNDER BAN

LOSE A TURN

DOOM

TERRORISM

FREE SPIN

ZAP!

HEY!

WHO TURNED OUT THE LIGHTS?!

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION!

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WHAT?!
HE'S FREE!
SMILE
HOW?
SPROING!
SMILE YOU'RE ON CANDID CAMERA!
D'OH!
THE WHEEL'S BEEN RIGGED! --I'VE BEEN ROBBED!
ALL MY PLANS WERE FOILED--
--AND I STILL DON'T KNOW WHO THE SPY IS!
LATER, AT INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS...
USING ROBOTNIK'S WHEEL TO SPY ON HIM WAS PURE GENIUS! AND YOU EVEN FOOLED US WITH YOUR DISGUISE!
BUT THERE'S STILL ONE THING I NEED TO KNOW--
SECRET INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS
Don't Ask, Don't Tell! Shhh...
--HOW MANY LICKS DOES IT TAKE TO GET TO THE CHEWY CENTER OF A LOLLIPOP, SIR?
SHHHHHH!
THAT INFORMATION, MY DEAR BOY--
--IS CLASSIFIED!
The End
HARVEY WHO ~ Head of Secret Intelligence

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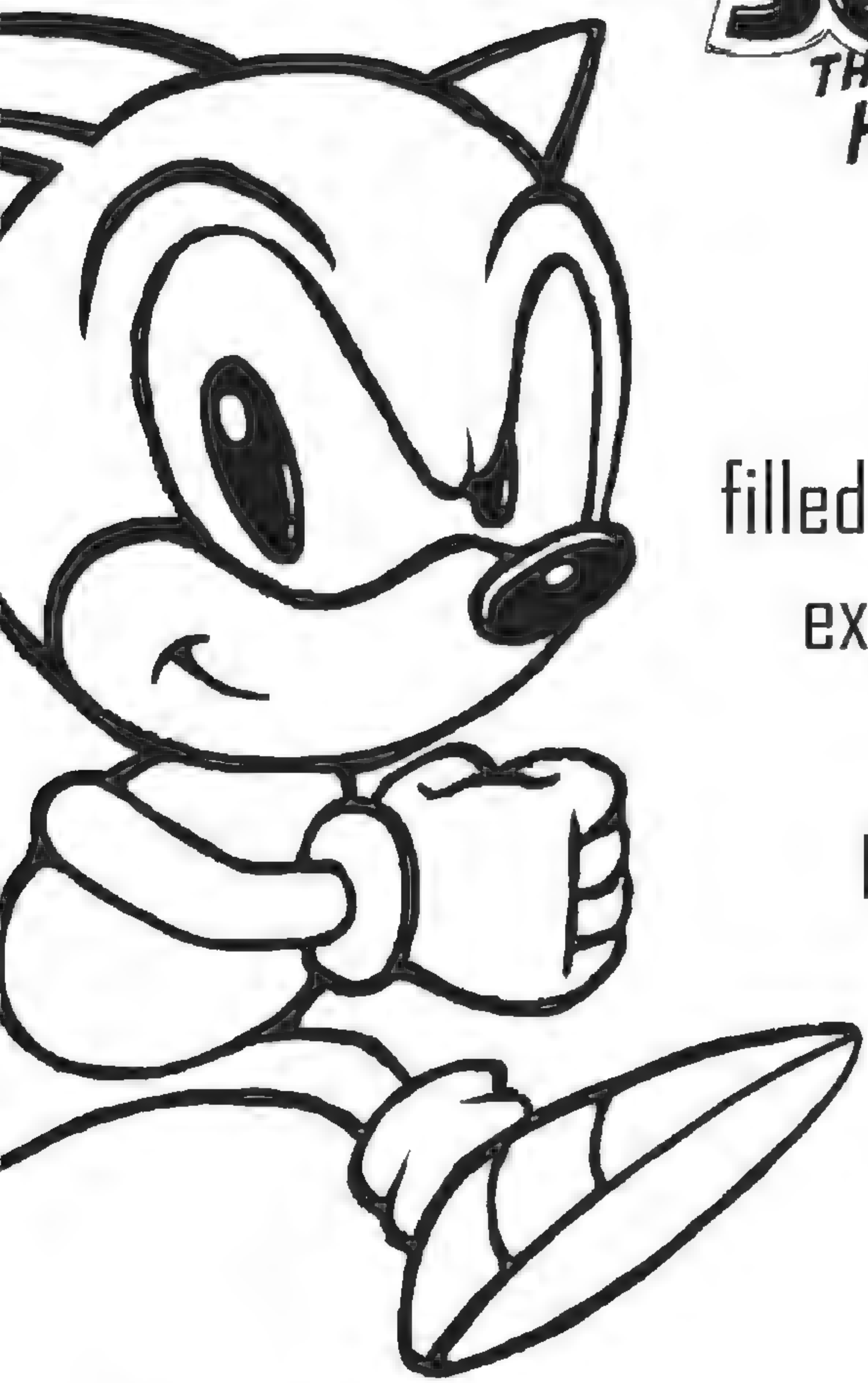

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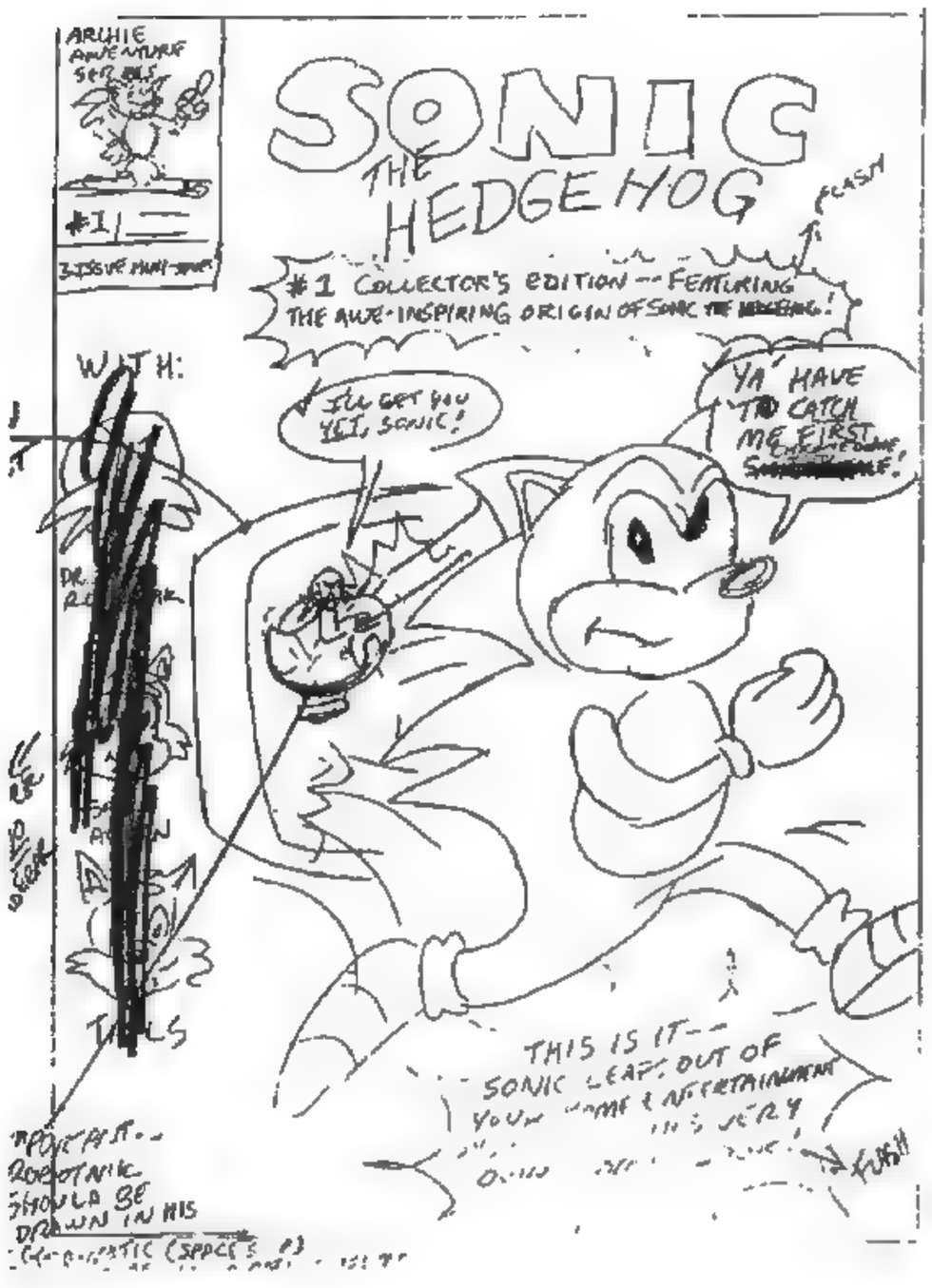

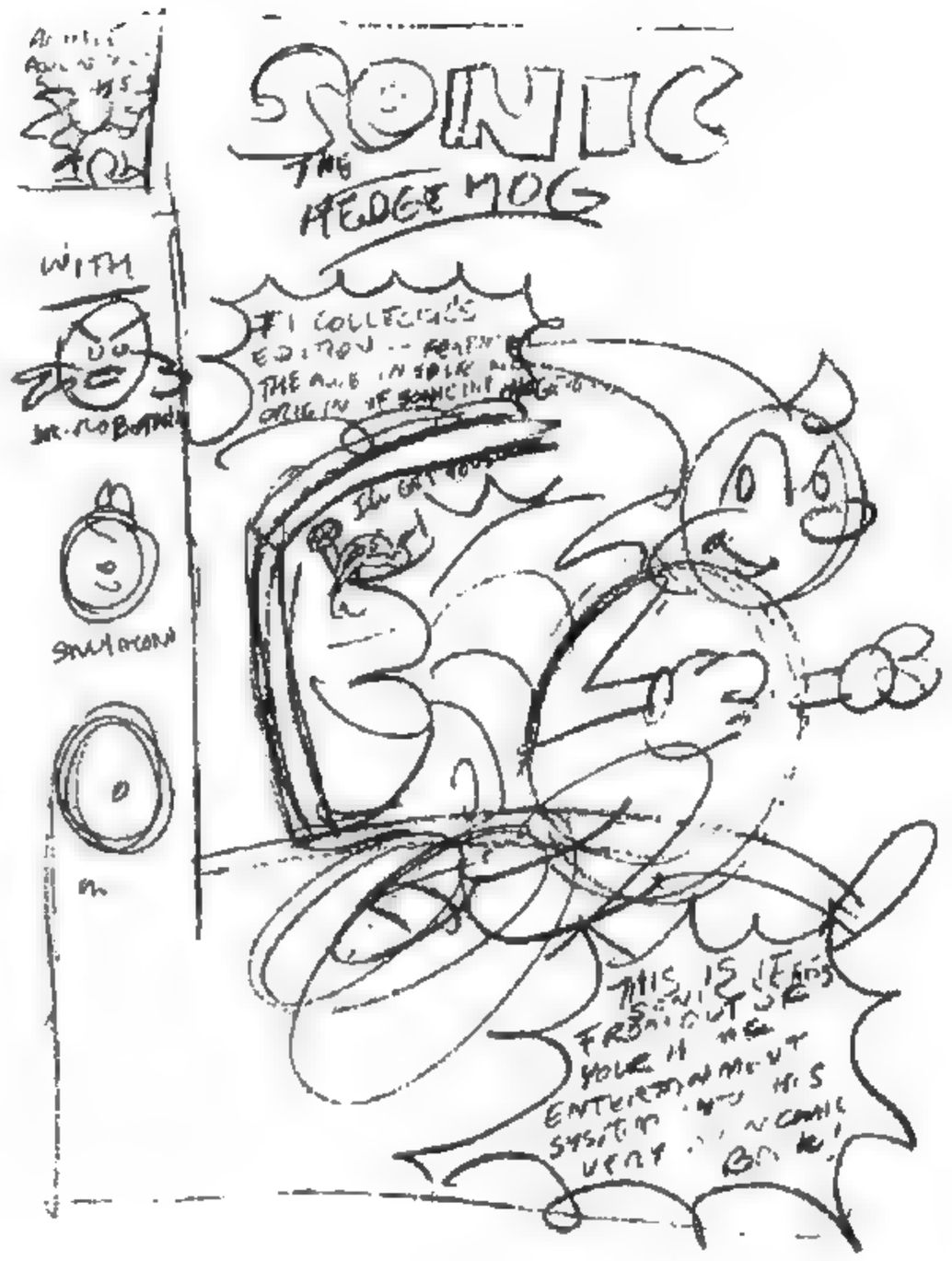

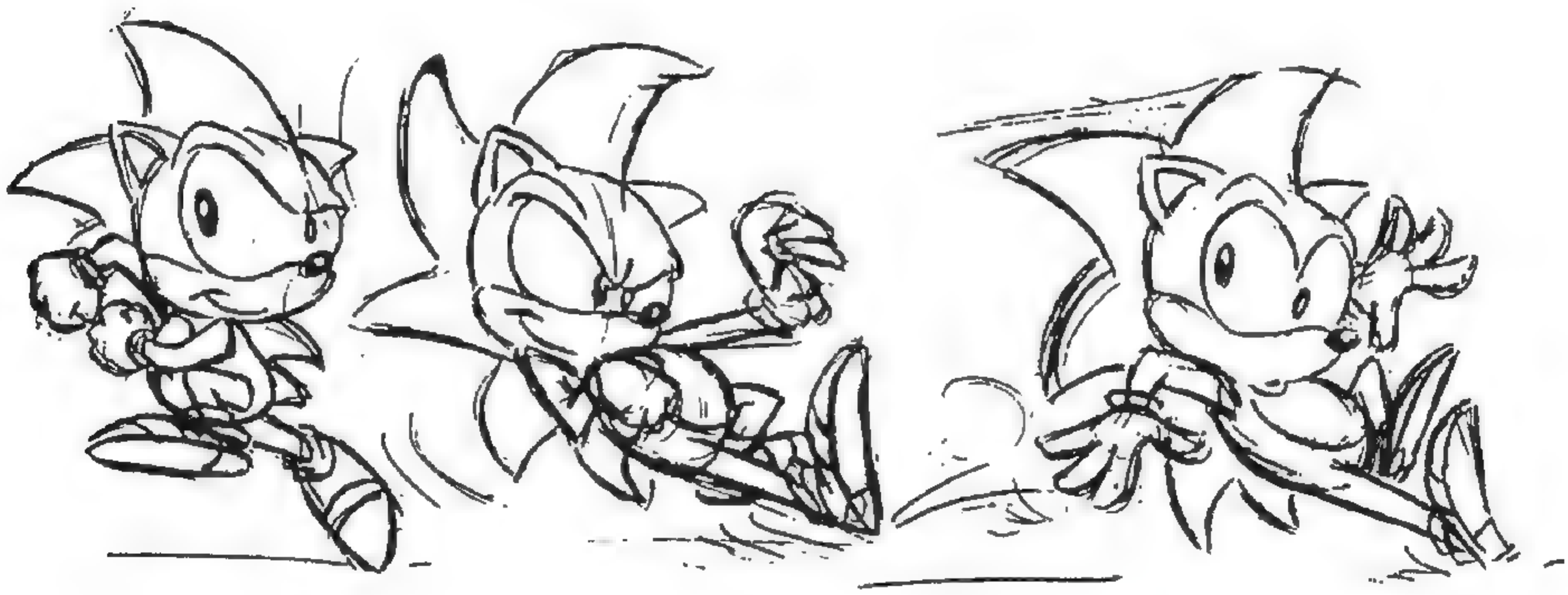

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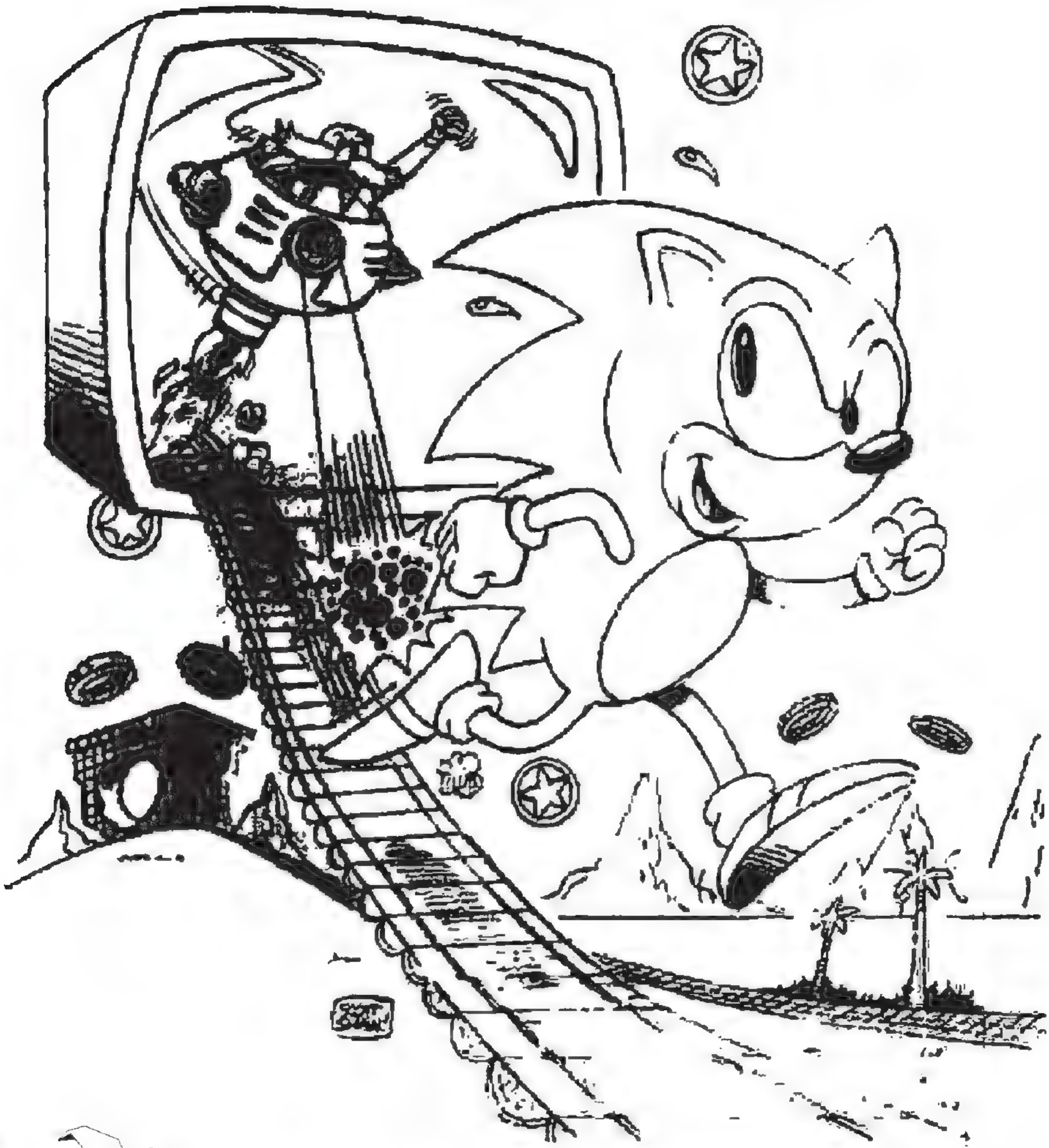

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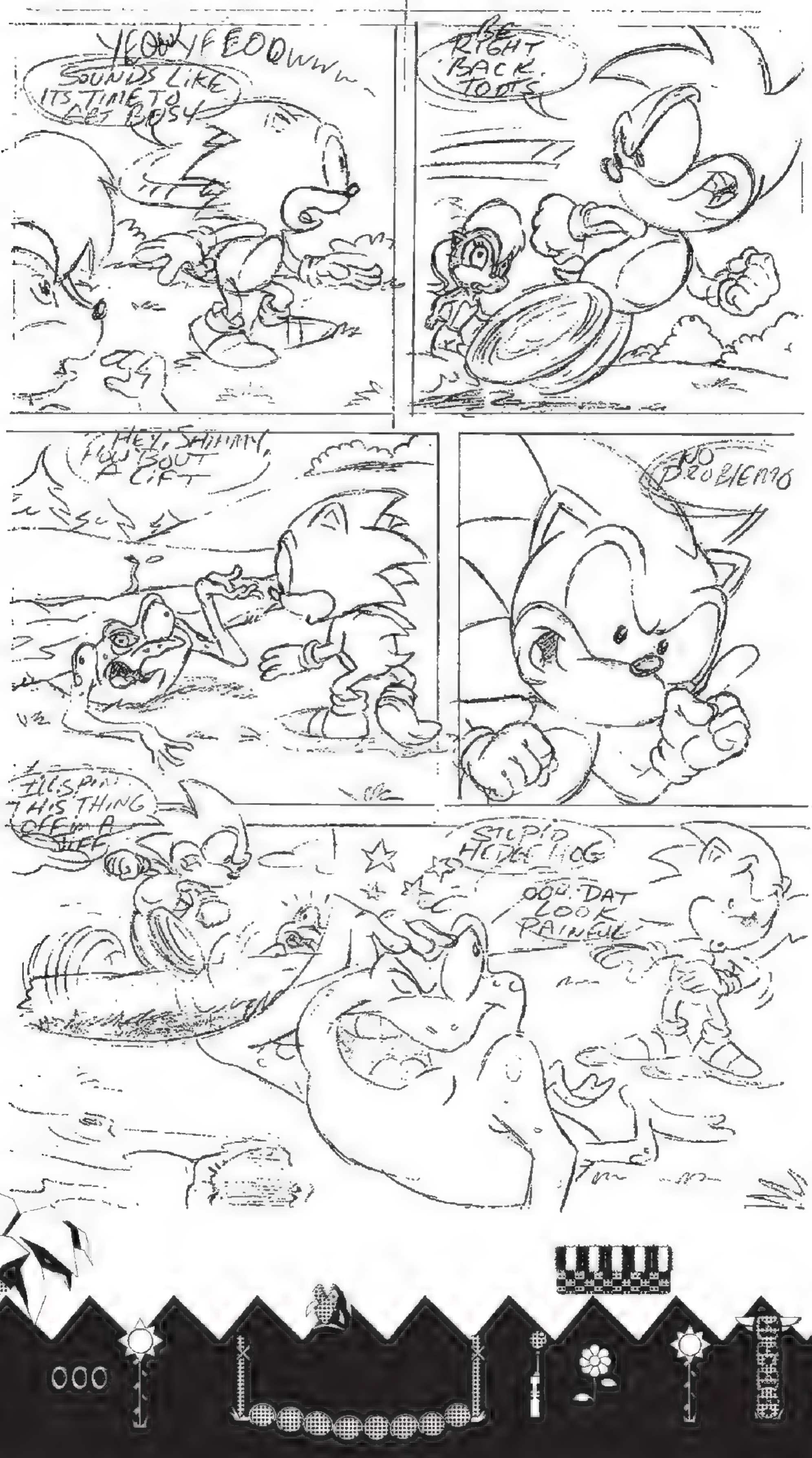

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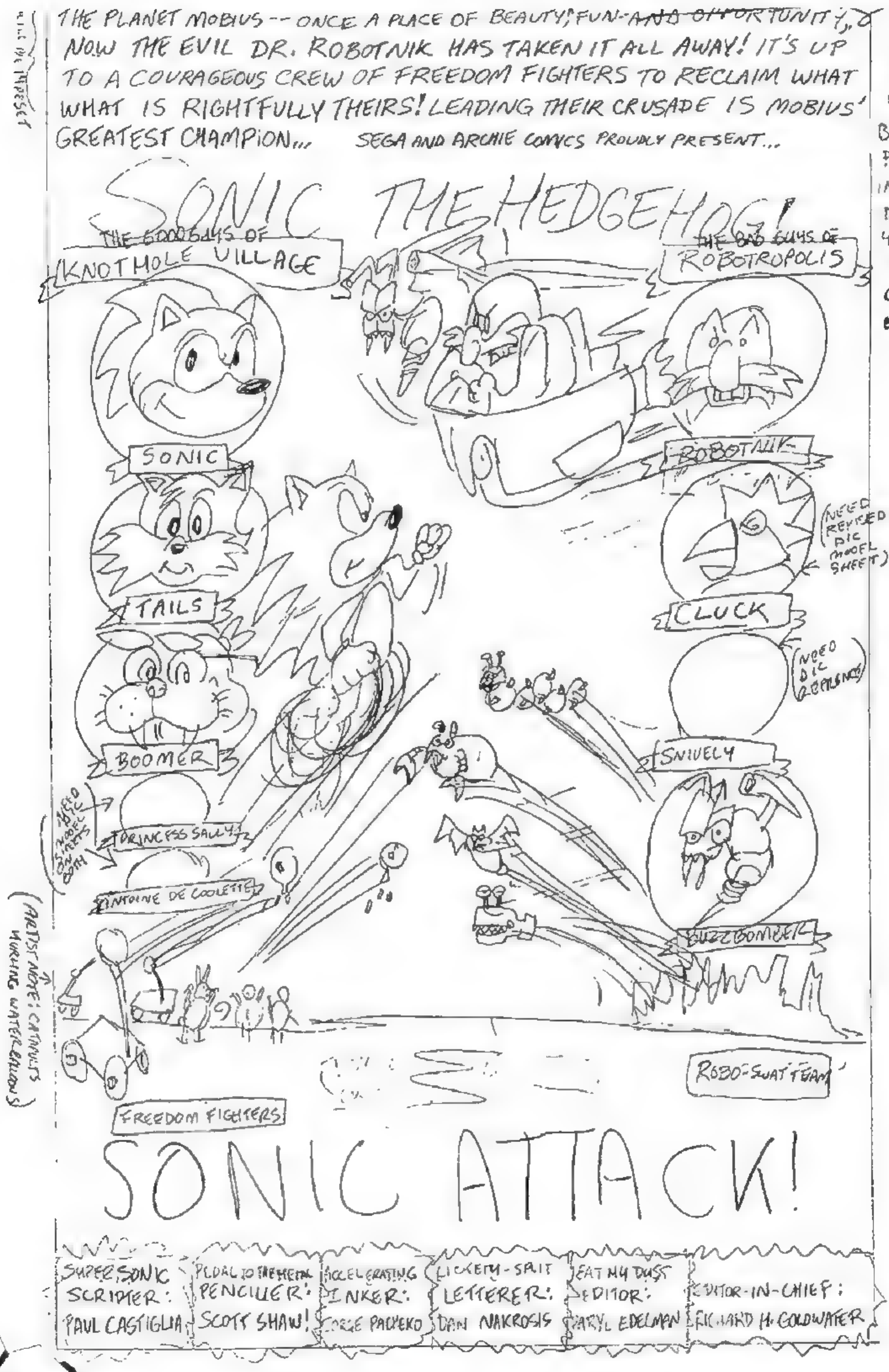

DON'T FORGET TO BUTT ALL BALLOONS- PREFERABLY IN CORNERS - DON'T LIMIT YOURSELF TO UPPER CORNER ONLY. OK?

(NEED REVISED PIC (MODEL SHEET))

(NEED PIC REFERENCE)

NEED PIC (MODEL SHEETS) BOTH

(ARTIST NOTE: CATTAILS WAVING WATERBALLOONS)

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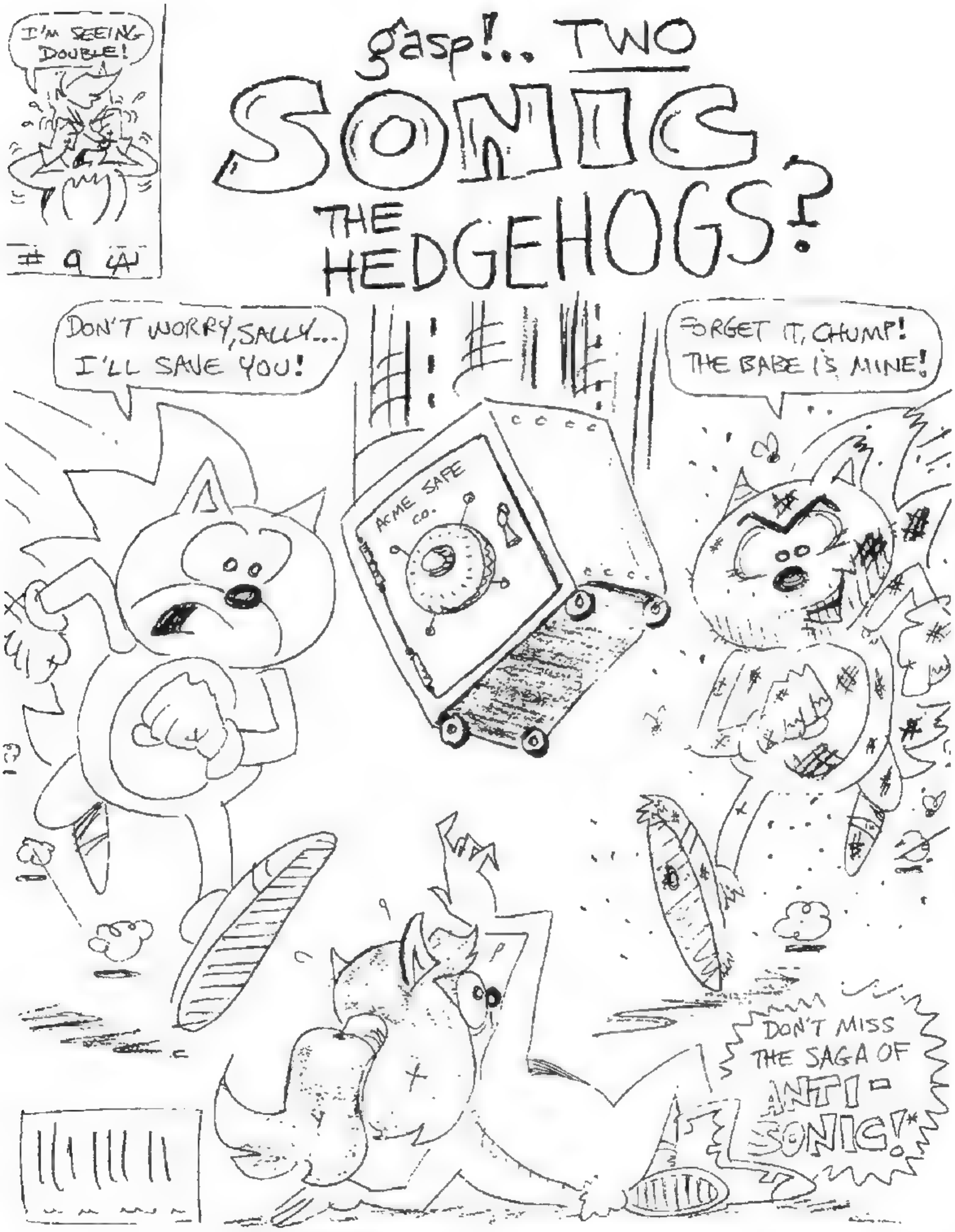

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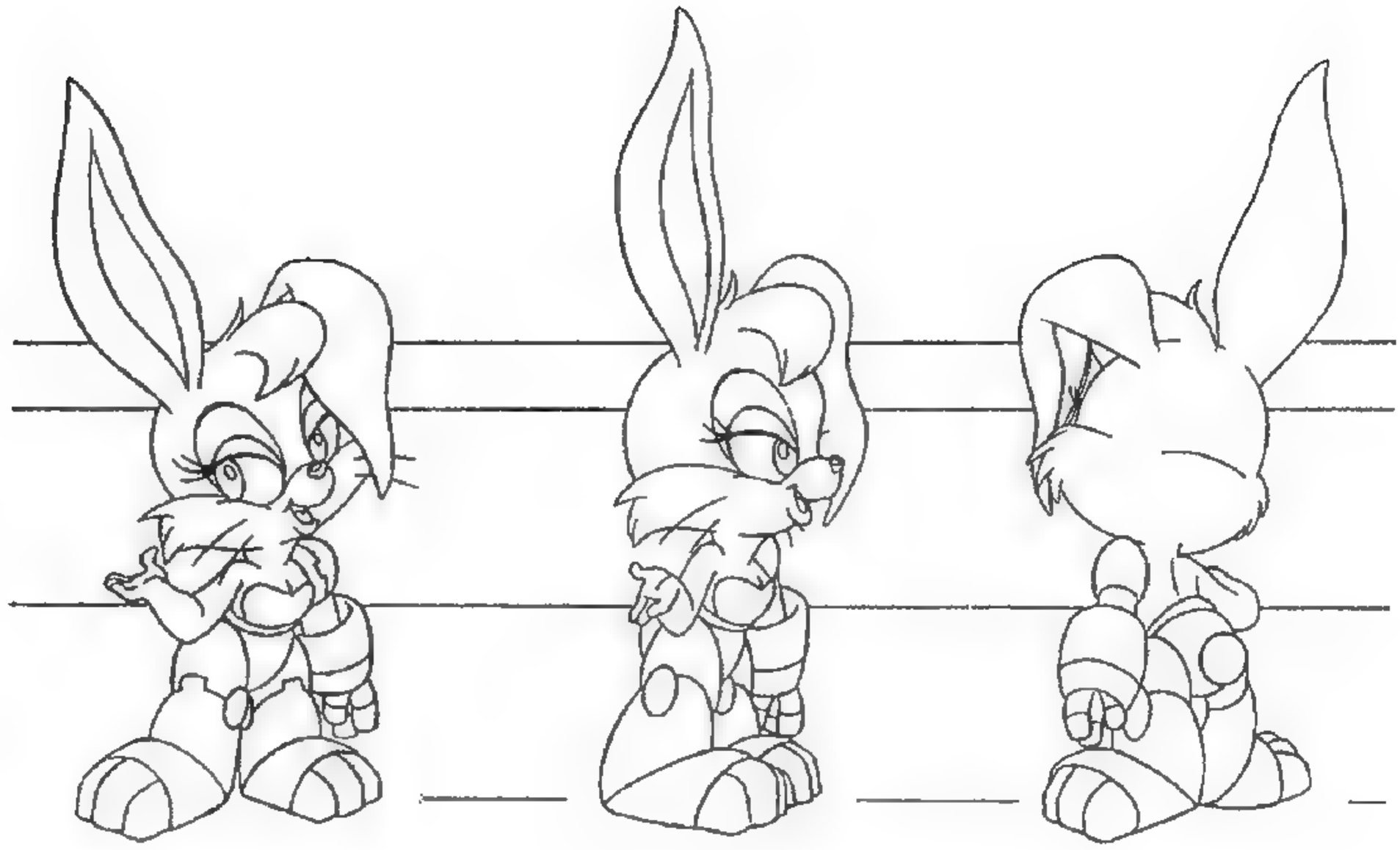

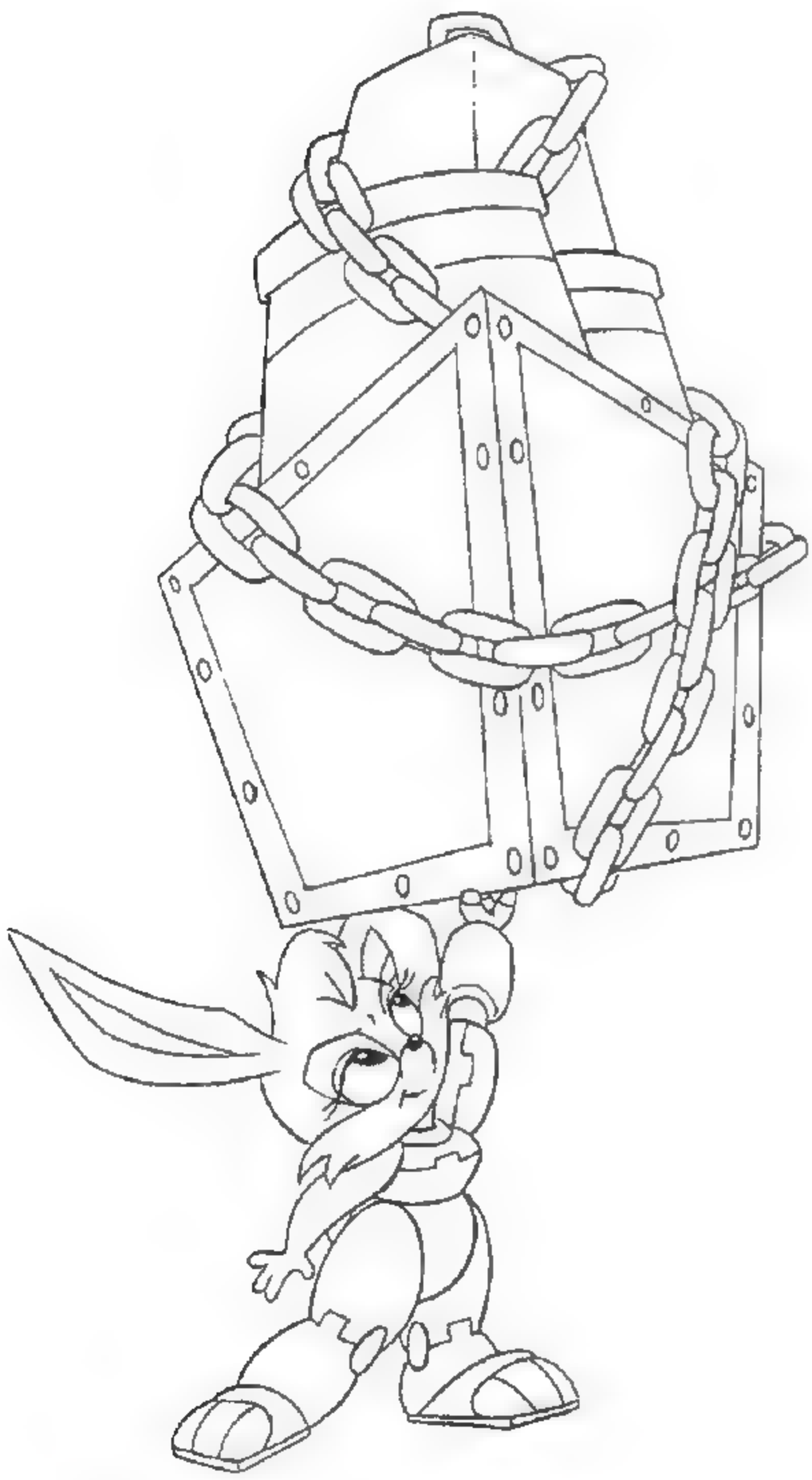

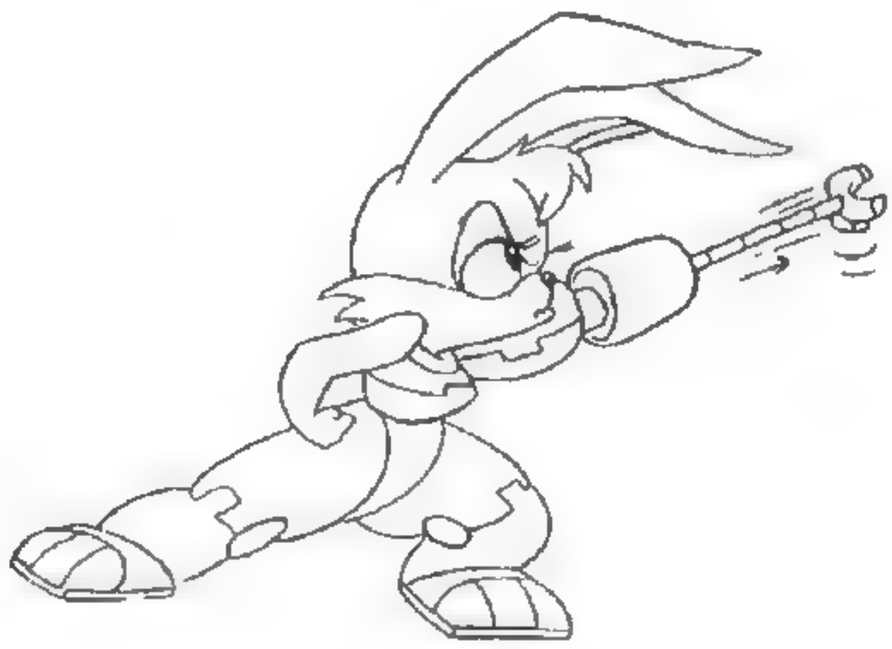

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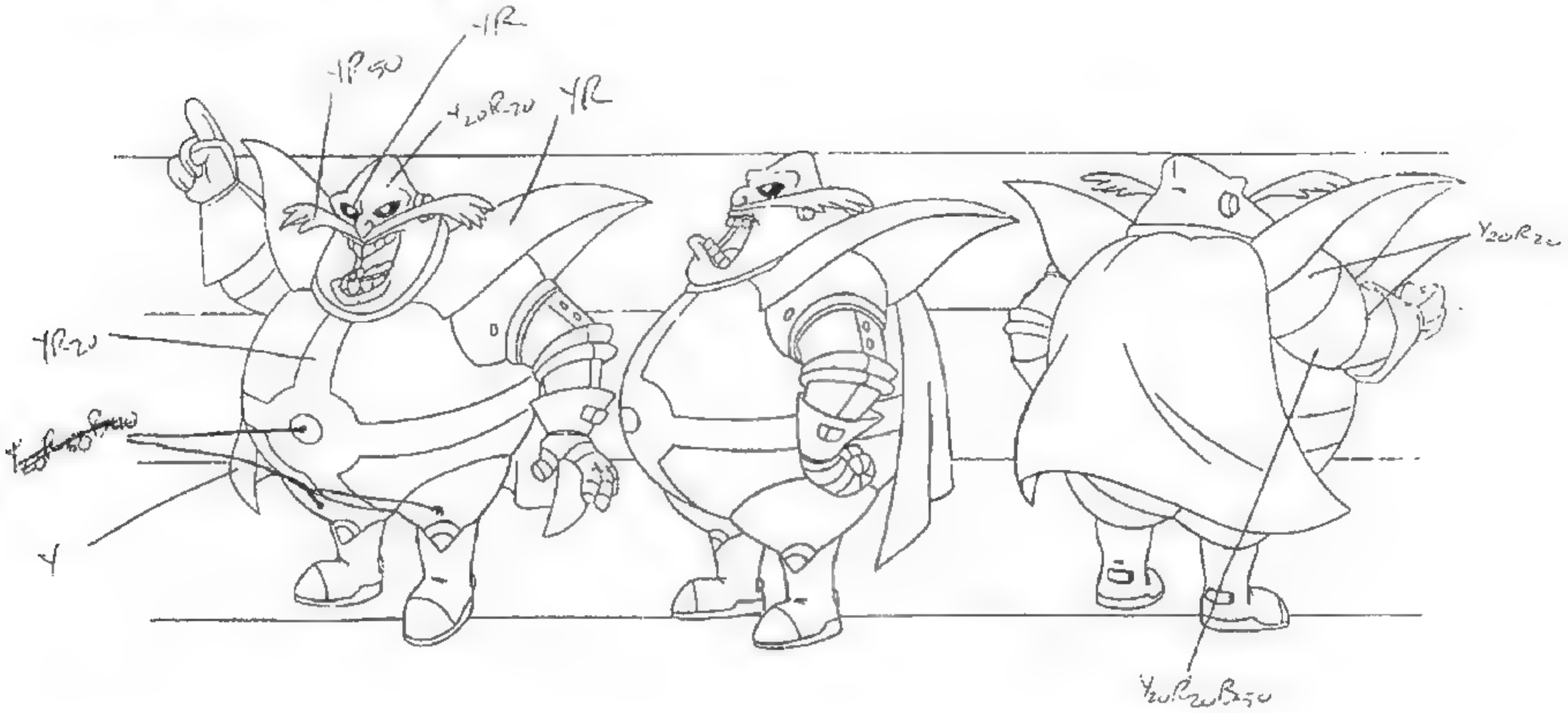

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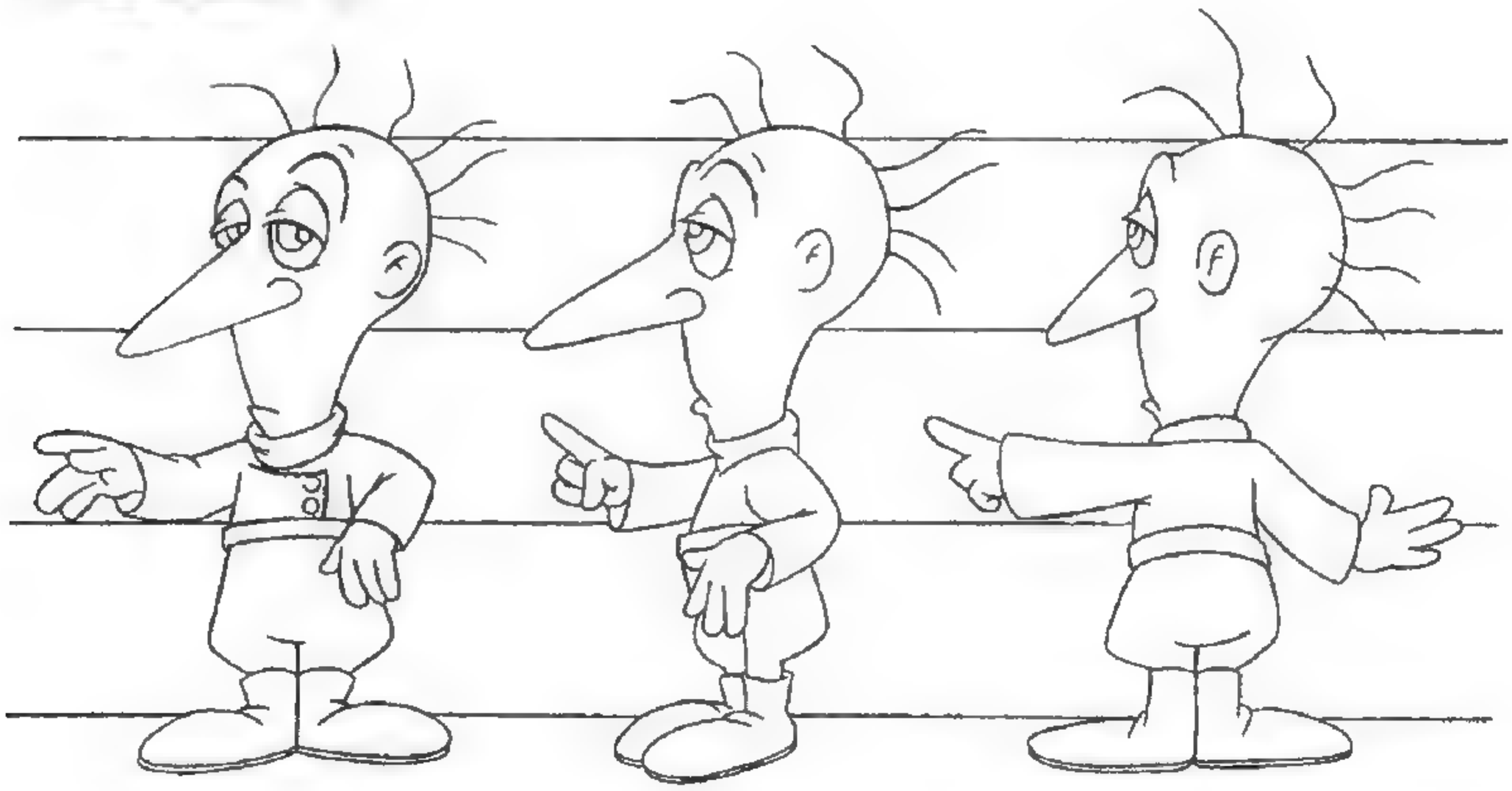

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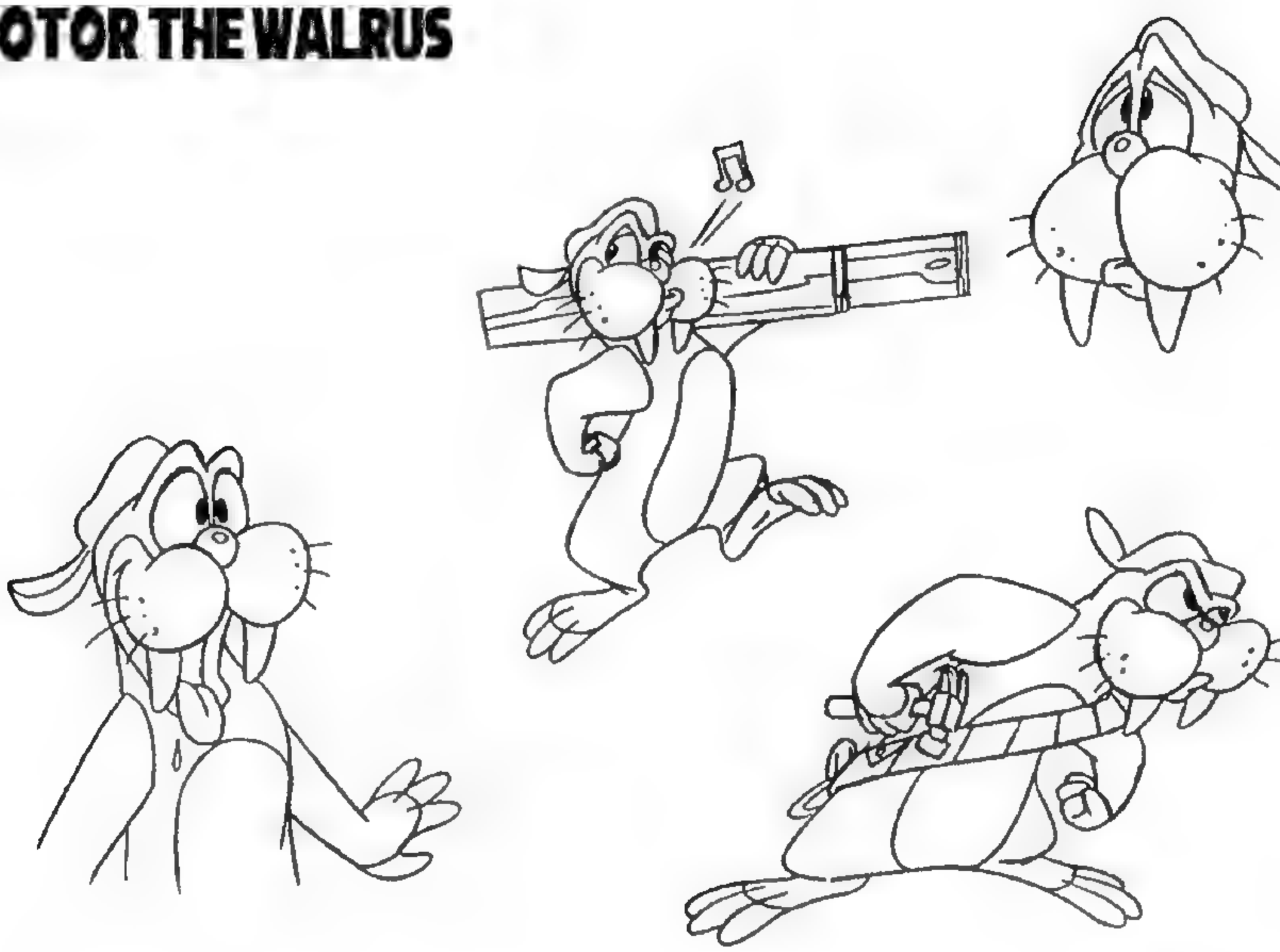

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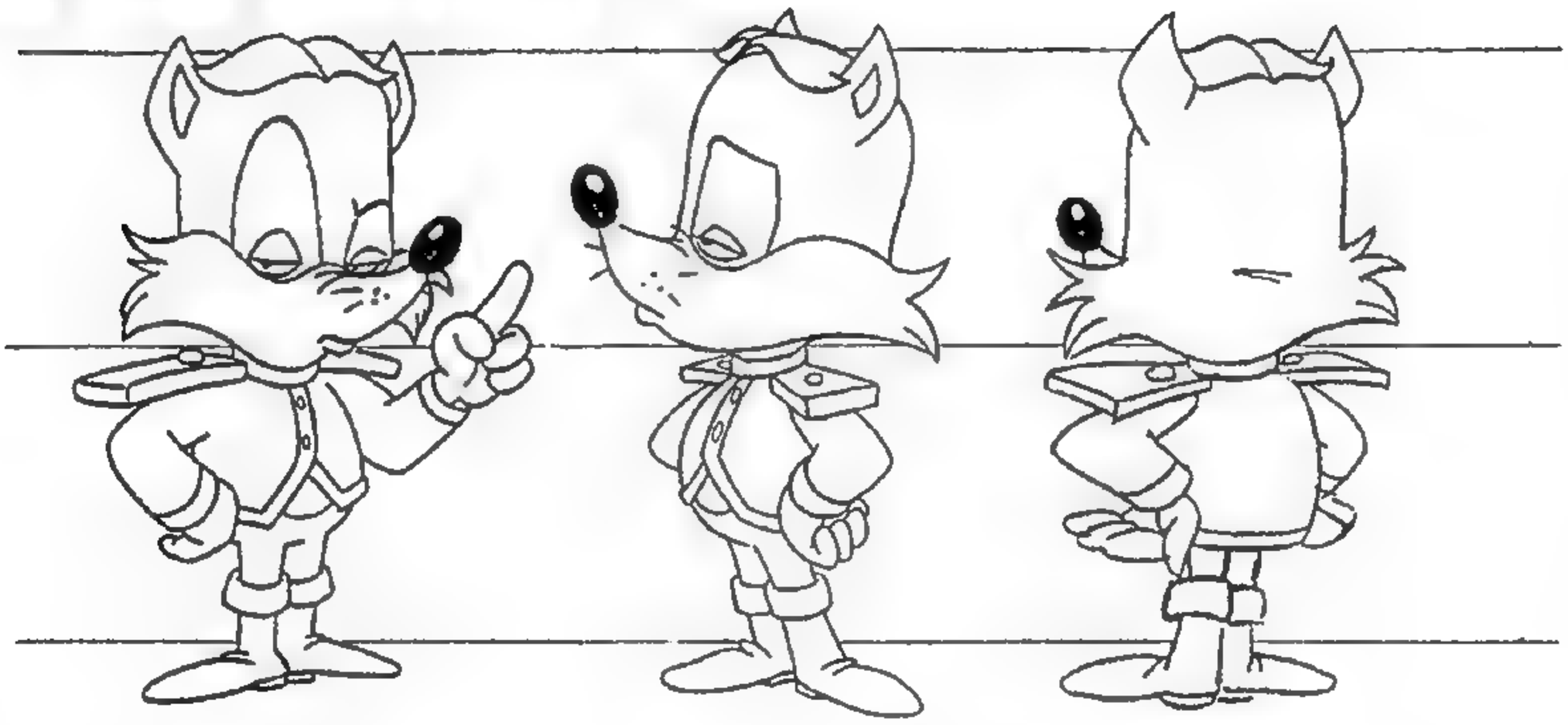

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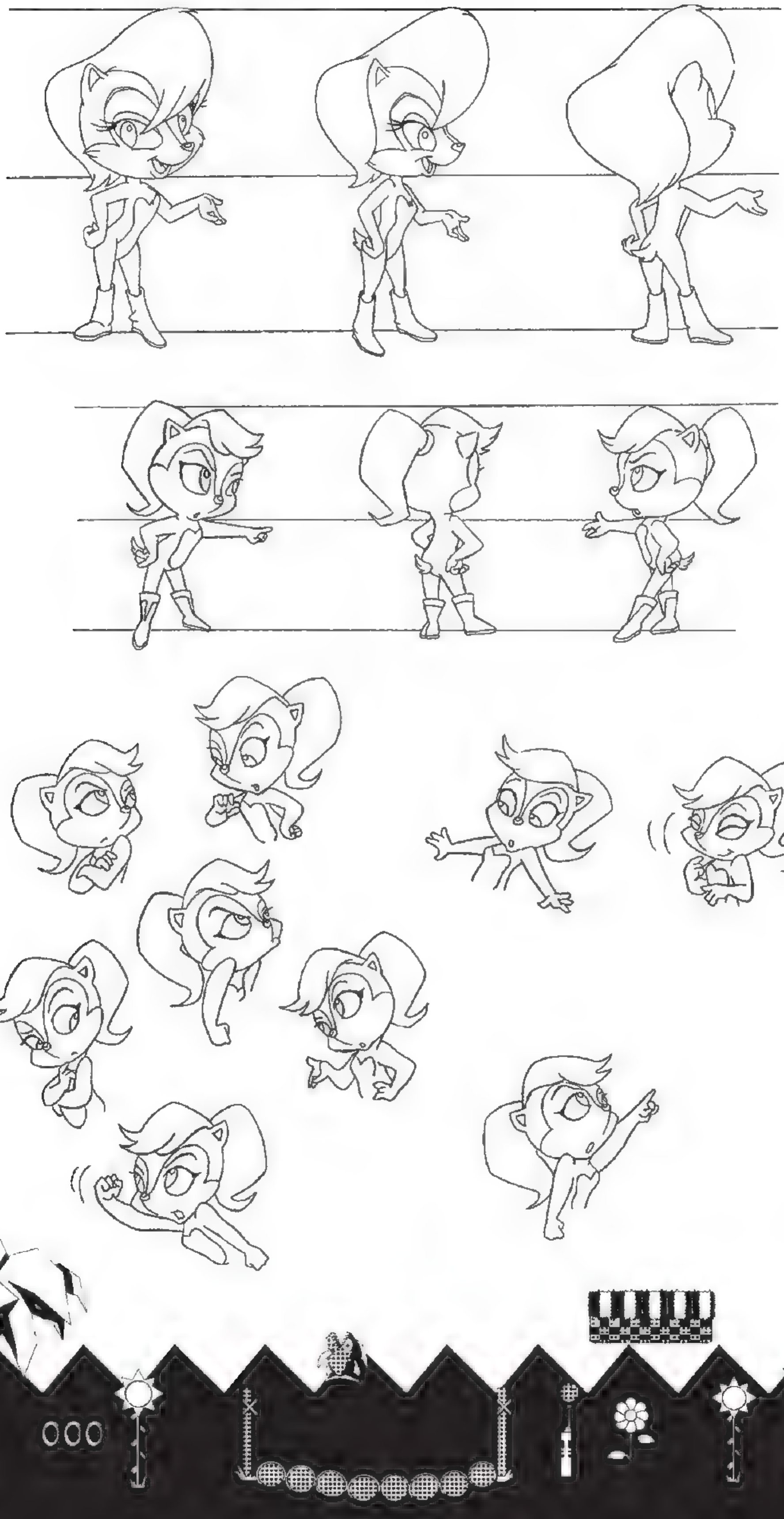

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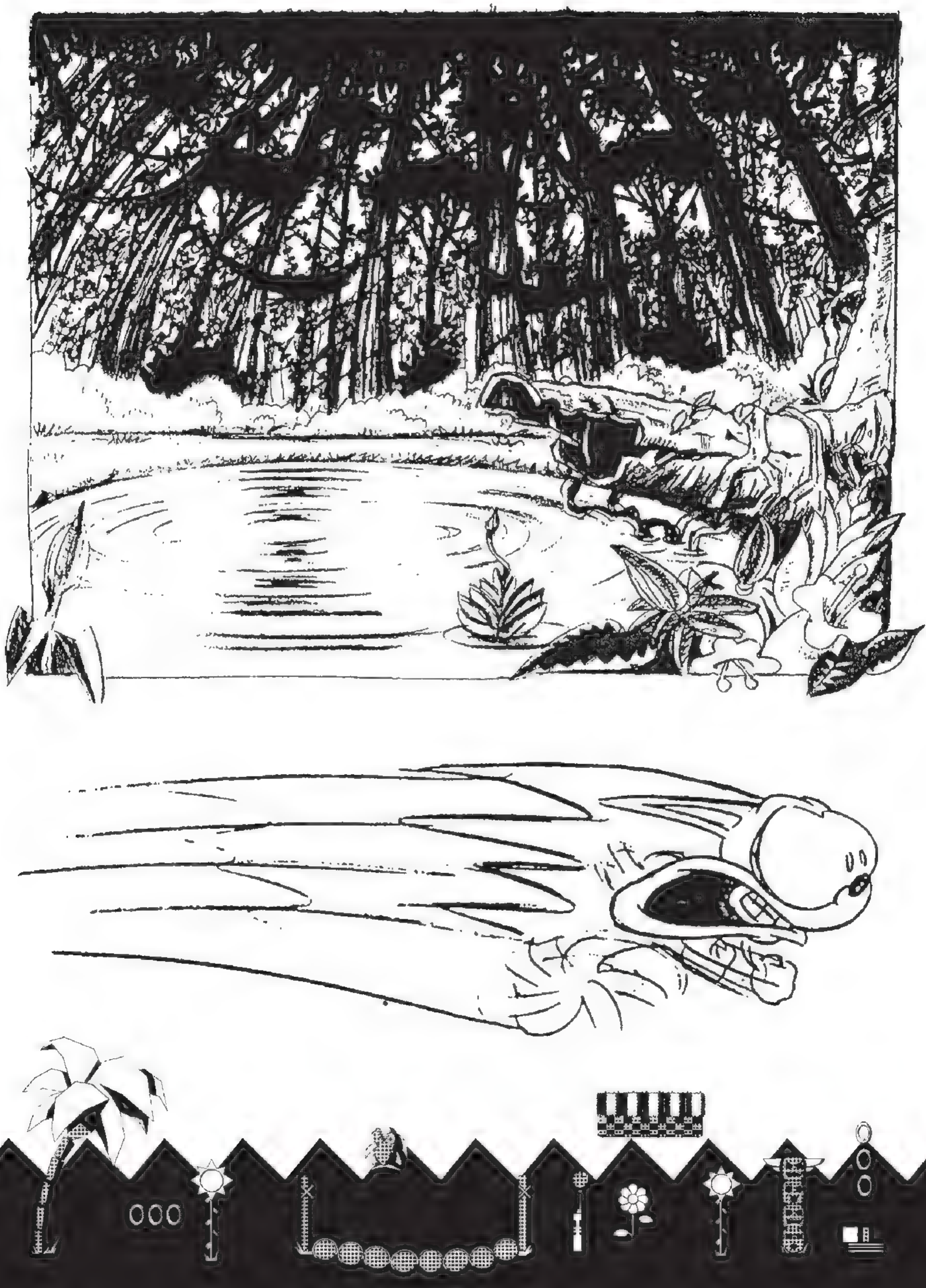

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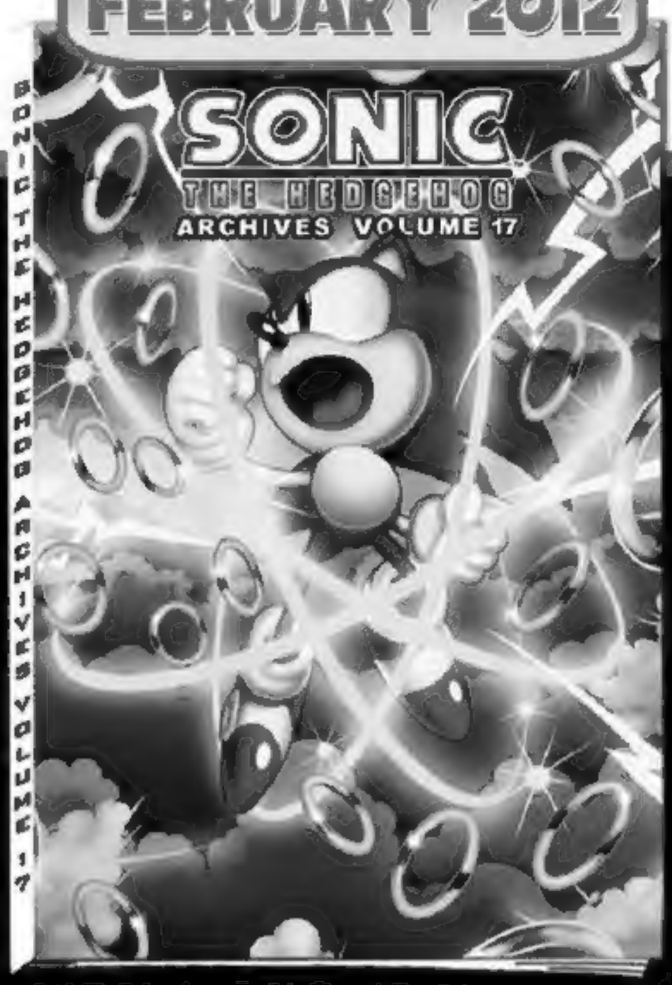

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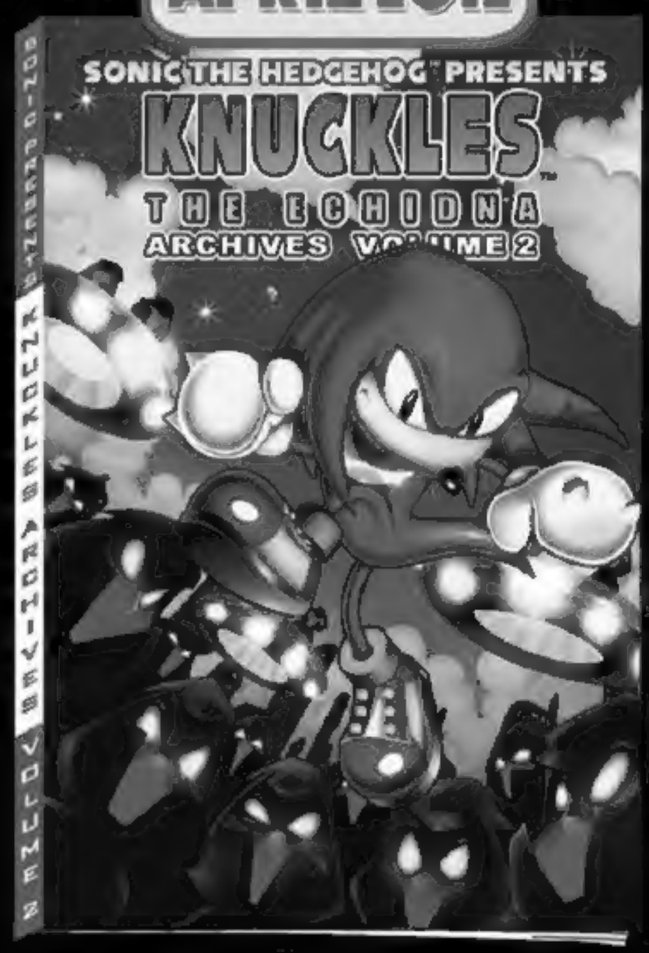

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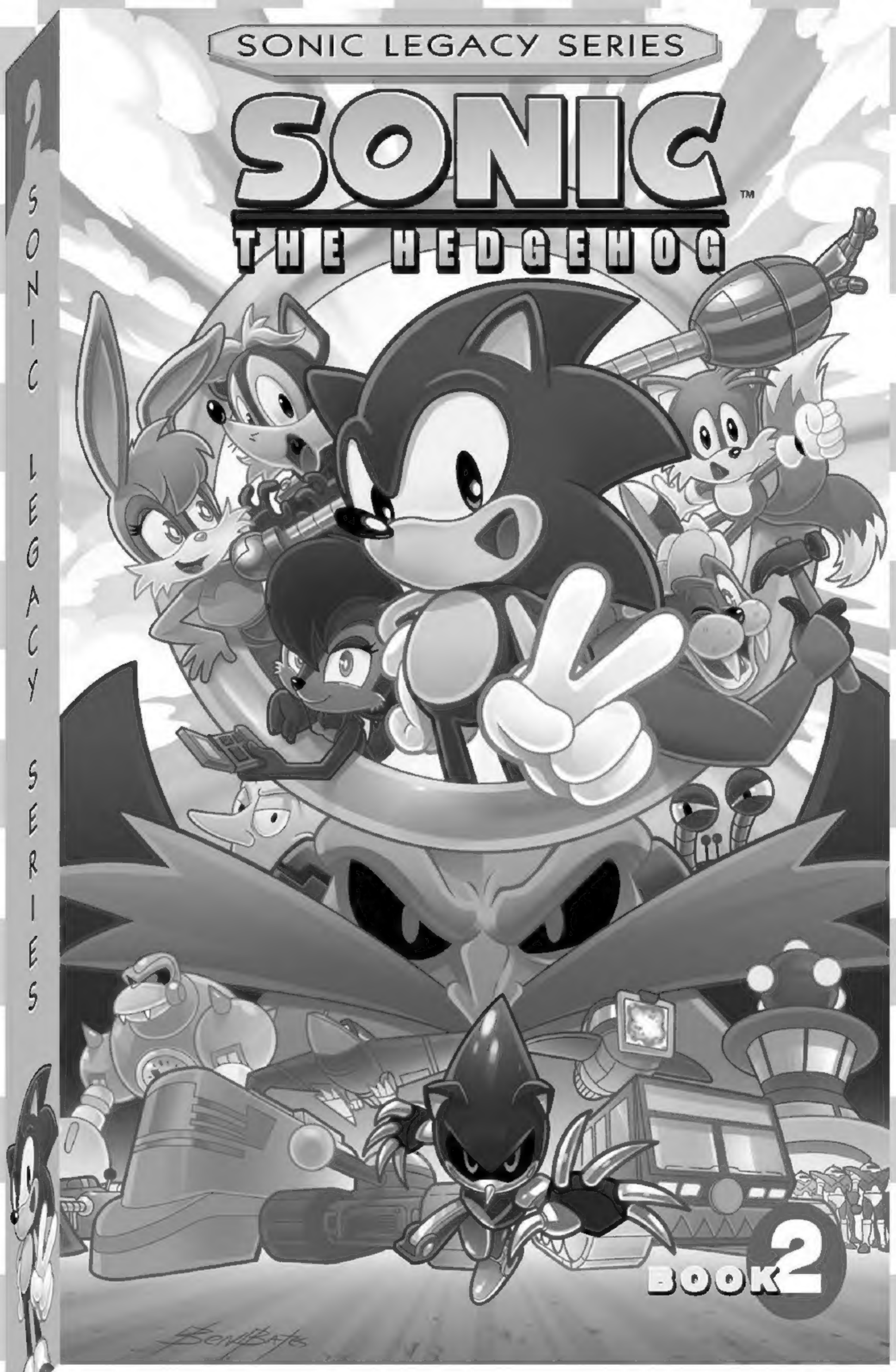

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